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THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE.

On the eve of our pastor's departure for the Orient, the editor of the "Church Life" asked him about his message for this issue, and he requested that the March issue be delayed a week, so that he could write a message to the church people, as he was very anxious to have such a message go into the "Church Life" this month. He planned to write it on the way to San Francisco, from which port he was to sail on the 8th of the month, and send it back before leaving the country.

As no message has arrived, it seems probable that Dr. de Blois found himself busier on the way to the coast than he expected or else that his letter has been delayed or lost in the mails. We shall however, no doubt, have a message from him at the earliest possible moment and will have this much more pleasure to anticipate in later issues.

We can well imagine some of the things he would say to us at this time, about the fidelity to the church and its services during the time of his absence, and of the necessity of our uniting the more earnestly in our great work.

THE DIXON MEETINGS.

Our church has secured the services of Dr. A. C. Dixon, the new pastor of Moody's "Chicago Avenue church," for a series of evangelistic meetings. The first preliminary meeting was held last Friday, March 1, and a second will be held before this in the hands of its readers, i. e., Friday, March 8. A third meeting will be held Friday evening, March 15. Then the regular series of the evangelistic campaign will begin with a mass meeting, Sunday afternoon, March 17, at 3 o'clock. Dr. Dixon will then be with us Monday evening, March 18, and the Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday evenings of the same week. On Sunday, March 24, there will be another mass meeting at 3 o'clock and the meetings will be continued during the week as the week before. Dr. Dixon will thus be with us for the three preliminary Friday evenings, the two Sunday afternoons and four evenings of each week, thirteen times altogether. Some one else will be secured for the two Thursday evenings, as Dr.

Dixon did not feel justified in leaving his own church those two evenings. A children's meeting will be held at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon, March 22.

It is hoped that as many as possible of the church people especially will attend the preliminary meetings, which are for their special benefit and that they will take advantage of this great opportunity and privilege in hearing and working with Dr. Dixon in this great campaign.

Dr. Dixon is one of the most noted and successful evangelists in our country. He has been an evangelistic pastor for years and combines the best characteristics of both pastor and evangelist to a degree seldom attained. He has been conducting a series of noon-day meetings, in conjunction with Dr. James Gray, in the Great Northern theatre. These meetings have been characterized by large audiences and a powerful work of grace, in the saving of souls. Dr. Dixon has also held a series of meetings on the north side this winter, when ten churches united for the campaign. Our church is singularly fortunate in securing such a leader in this evangelistic effort, and may well enter on the services with great faith and zeal. Let every member be present at every meeting, unless unavoidably hindered. No one can afford to miss the blessing that is in store for all who will be faithful in this time of gracious privilege.

CHURCH SUBSCRIPTIONS.

It is hoped that all those who have subscribed to the church expenses, by renting pews, weekly offerings or towards the deficit, will pay these subscriptions promptly, as due. If there is any corporation in the world which, more than another, should maintain a reputation for prompt payment of bills, it is the Church of Jesus Christ. And if there is any debt which a Christian should meet more promptly than another, it is a debt to the church which represents, to him, the work of Christ in the world. The old "First Church" has a good reputation. Let us see to it that that reputation loses nothing by any neglect of ours. Money is needed now. Let those who owe to the church pay, in order that the church may pay those it owes.

PROPOSED DIVISION OF UNDESIGNATED BENEVOLENCES.

In considering the new plans of benevolences in our church, which plans have been adopted by the church and are to go into effect about April 1 of this year, and which include the idea of systematic, weekly contributions to the various benevolences of the church, instead of special collections, the deacons and trustees have seen the necessity of recommending some proposition for the division of such money as is contributed to the general benevolent funds, without being designated to any particular fund. It is probable that this portion of the total fund will be comparatively small this year but it is expected that it will increase with the years.

Of course, contributors can designate all or any part of their contributions to any particular objects they may choose, and the schedule of percentage division of funds herein given will not effect such designation of contributions of funds to special benevolences, in the least.

The following schedule of percentages applies then only to such funds as are contributed to the general benevolent funds of the church, the contributors not having designated how they shall be spent:

- Foreign Missions, 25 per cent.
- Home Missions, 20 per cent.
- Ill. Bapt. State Convention, 10 per cent.
- American Bapt. Pub. Society, 5 per cent.
- Chicago Bapt. City Mission Society, 5 per cent.
- N. W'n Bapt. Education Society, 3 per cent.
- Chicago Bapt. Hospital, 3 per cent.
- Central Bapt. Orphanage, 3 per cent.
- Chicago Tract Society, 3 per cent.
- Aged Ministers' Home, 3 per cent.
- Chicago Bureau of Charities, 2 per cent.
- Pacific Garden Mission, 2 per cent.
- Illinois Anti-Saloon League, 2 per cent.
- Still undesignated, 14 per cent.
- Total, 100 per cent.

The fund "Still undesignated" (14 per cent) will furnish a fund for neglected or special benevolences that will naturally arise.

BENEVOLENT SUBSCRIPTIONS.

With April 1, the church enters upon a new plan of systematic weekly offerings for benevolences. It will be a matter of great convenience and of benefit in many ways if the old accounts can be closed out, with all subscriptions paid up, before the new plan goes into effect. Will every subscriber, as far as possible, pay their subscriptions between now and April 1, and help the cause along this much!

REPORT OF CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL VISITOR, FEB., 1907.

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| Calls made | 152 |
| Letters and postals | 18 |
| Services attended | 39 |
| Committee meetings | 7 |
| Bible lessons given | 3 |
| Garments given away | 90 |

CHANGES IN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

ADDITIONS.

By Baptism.

- Miss Ella Josephine Day, 4828 Evans avenue.
- Miss Mildred L. Shirley, 3551 Cottage Grove avenue.
- Miss Margaret Stewart, 4521 Forestville ave.
- Miss Jennie Tichy, 2907 Union avenue.
- Miss Barbara Tomas, 2922 Union avenue.
- Miss Lydia Tomas, 2922 Union avenue.
- Miss Harriet Weinman, 712 30th st.
- Miss Helen Wachsmuth, 7 Groveland Park.
- Roland H. Fogg, 2901 Fifth avenue.
- Carroll H. Thomas, 2938 Indiana avenue.
- Raymond T. Wilkin, 3201 Vernon avenue.

By Letter.

- Joanna P. Moore, 3237 Forest avenue.
- E. P. Stranberg, 3030 Indiana avenue.
- Mrs. Hilma C. Stranberg, 3030 Indiana ave.
- Ralph Cadwell, 3200 Prairie avenue.
- Mrs. Ralph Cadwell, 3200 Prairie avenue.
- Yin Chang Wang, Divinity school, U. of C.

By Experience.

- D. L. Blain, 3145 South Park avenue.
- Mrs. D. L. Blain, 3145 South Park avenue.

CHANGES IN ADDRESSES.

Mrs. Margaret Bates' name was omitted from the directory through an oversight. Her address is as usual,—3112 Michigan avenue.

Instead of "Miss Edith Persons," this name should be Mrs. W. A. Cameron, 2928 Kenmore avenue.

Instead of "Miss Matie Lane," this name should be Miss Marie Vanderlaan, and the address,—2411 Indiana avenue.

Instead of Miss Hattie Summers, this name should be Miss Harriett Sumner.

Mr. James Kee, 533 47th street, was also omitted from the directory list.

Instead of "Garside" the names should be Gartside.

Other Changes.

- Garnett, Eugene H., Evanston, (Tribune Bldg., 134 Dearborn.)
- Garnett, Gwynn, 329 Oakwood Blvd.
- Garnett, Cyrus L., 329 Oakwood Blvd.
- Gaylord, Mrs. A. A., 4717 Grand Blvd.
- Lindman, R. H., 6417 Ellis avenue.
- Miller, Mrs. Alma, 3347 South Park Blvd.
- Tichy, Mrs. Theresa R., 2907 Union avenue.
- Buck, James R., 4417 Prairie avenue.
- Buck, Mrs. Iva, 4417 Prairie avenue.
- Barnes, Miss Carrie D., 215 East 34th St.
- Clemens, Mrs. Josie, 215 East 34th St.
- Georgette, Miss Adele M., 64th and Lexington. Hays Hotel.
- Johnson, Mrs. C., 3037 Parnell avenue.
- Fleming, Mrs. A. M., 422 Honeyville avenue. Hoopetown, Ill.
- Roe, Mrs. Jane E., Three Rivers, Mich.
- Messner, J. R., 4137 Calumet avenue.
- Schmuck, J. Henry, 6757 Loomis avenue.

THE CHURCH AT WORK

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES.

WEBSTER TOMLINSON.

At the end of the second month of the new year the outlook for the Sunday school is most encouraging—and a deep spirit of earnestness seems to pervade. The new year started out auspiciously, yet handicapped, in a measure, it is true, by the laying down of the burden for a while, by some of the faithful ones, but the work has gone right ahead without any break such as often occurs with the election of a new set of officers. This is due in great measure to the work of preparation done all during the Fall by our former Superintendent Whitmore, whose interest has been so heartily shown in the work as teacher and superintendent for the last ten years. Last summer so many of the workers and scholars took longer vacations than usual that the year's work was several weeks late in getting under way. Many things which Superintendent Whitmore had planned and which would ordinarily have taken place before the first of the year were of necessity postponed—including a teachers' and officers' banquet; decision day, (which was held January 27,) the parents' social, (held January 22), and the teachers' and officers' social. This last event occurred on Tuesday, February 19, and was most enjoyable, being held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Atwell, former officers of the school, who had arranged a delightful program, consisting of the following: Lantern pictures of Panama, and personal experiences there, by Prof. H. N. Howland of the Hyde Park high school.

Vocal solo—Mr. Gorton Marsh.

Violin solos—Miss Dr. McLaren.

Piano solo—Miss Wood.

Duet—Miss Baldwin and Miss Wood.

Superintendent Piercey introduced Mr. Kennan who read the resolutions prepared by the committee, consisting of Mrs. Williams, Mr. Kennan and Mr. Tomlinson, appointed by the teachers and officers, which were as follows:

Chicago, Feb. 19, 1907.

"WHEREAS, Brother C. E. Whitmore has recently closed the period of his service as superintendent of our Sunday school after several years of earnest and efficient labors as superintendent, and before that in various offices:

RESOLVED, That we hereby express to him our hearty appreciation of the consecration to the work that he has manifested; of his untiring interest in all phases of the Sunday school activity; of his untiring zeal in carrying out the plans for the betterment of the work. His devotion and enthusiasm have been contagious and inspiring, and his faithful attendance on his duties and devotion to his ideals have left a lasting impression on the Sunday school.

RESOLVED, That we hereby not only extend to him our gratitude for all his efforts for the advancement of the interests of our school,

but also express the hope that he may long continue in active connection with the school he has thus honored and helped.

RESOLVED further, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the records of the Sunday school, that a copy be given Brother Whitmore, and that they be printed in THE CHURCH LIFE."

To this Brother Whitmore cordially responded, thanking the teachers and officers for their co-operation with him when he was superintendent and urging them to stand by the work and the new officers.

The last year, 1906, saw our contributions to benevolences largely increased (being a total of about \$425) and a fund (about \$195) left for running expenses—and they do run fast! to begin the new year, and in general the harvest field "ready." Already twenty-two of our scholars have joined the church or have been voted into membership after baptism since the first of January. They are as follows:

1. Stephen George de Blois.
2. Paul Baker Bellew.
3. Samuel Richard Hiney.
4. Don Adams Thompson.
5. Frances Anna Strandberg.
6. Leon Erick Strandberg.
7. Hattie Meissner.
8. Edna W. Wolters.
9. Florence Lundgren.
10. Devoe Holmes.
11. Miss Grace A. Strandberg.
12. Roland H. Fogg.
13. Miss Ella Josephine Dav.
14. Mildred Lillian Shirley.
15. Miss Maggie Stewart.
16. Helen Justine Wachsmuth.
17. Carroll H. Thomas.
18. Jennie Tichy.
19. Raymond T. Wilken.
20. Hattie Weinman.
21. Barbara B. Tomas.
22. Lydia Tomas.

Almost all of these entered our school in the primary department and now come into church membership. Is not this a cause of great rejoicing? Of the above number seven are from one class, No. 16, taught by Mrs. H. N. Smith.

A number of these were baptized by our pastor March 3, and it was made an occasion for especially inviting the Sunday school to attend church service, that they might witness one of the solemn ordinances of our church and also hear Dr. de Blois before he left for China. We hope our scholars will find occasion to attend church service frequently. It would be a delight to see entire classes, with their teachers coming regularly to the preaching service.

On Easter Sunday, besides the regular lesson, special exercises will be held in both departments. The committees having them in

charge are as follows:

Intermediate department—Miss Elizabeth Pickett, Mrs. Clifford Williams, Miss Sylvia Bucklin.

Primary department—Mrs. Jennie H. Hume, Miss Blanche Harvey, Miss Ruby Day.

The home school has extended an invitation to Raymond Chapel Sunday school to meet with us on Easter morning.

The plan of having a monthly meeting of the teachers and officers (from 7 to 8 o'clock p. m. before the covenant meeting) is proving of much value to the school through the suggestions made by the interested ones who attend. Every teacher and officer ought to come to these without fail. Some of the results of these conferences and discussions are as follows:

The adoption of supplementary lessons in addition to the International series. In the primary department this consists of a course in the "Baptist Catechism," a few questions and references being given the scholars to look up each week, directed by Mr. Kennan. In the Intermediate department this supplementary work will consist of the study of the history and genealogy of the different denominations and especially the Baptist. This course is expected to last about three months—ten minutes being devoted to it at the end of the session.

The scholars of the Intermediate department are now supplied each Sunday with "The Boy's World" and the Girl's Companion" and it has been decided to send out "birthday cards" to our members. By the way—these additional duties involve the necessity for more workers. We need several assistants for work of this kind. Will not some one volunteer and save the necessity of taking scholars away from their classes to do it? Will not you?

Miss Elizabeth Knight is to act as assistant to the Sunday school treasurer in the main school—and Mr. Chester C. McCullough, former secretary of the Intermediate department, has again joined the corps of officers, having returned from St. Louis. We welcome these two efficient helpers.

It was voted to devote the birthday offerings of the school "to Raymond Mission to be devoted to permanent fixtures or repairs and for no other purpose." This fund was formerly devoted to the building fund.

It will be the policy of the teachers and officers to give some entertainment to the Sunday school scholars of each department once a quarter on a week-day night. The committee having these entertainments in charge consists of Mrs. W. B. Ware, Miss Margaret Van Fleet, Miss Leila Ahrens and Miss Fannie Marshall.

Miss Lucy Page Gaston will be invited to speak to our school soon in the interest of the Anti-Cigarette League.

Rev. T. L. Ketman is to tell the school in the near future of the "Chapel Car" work.

At last it looks as though we would have a regular Sunday school orchestra, for three months anyway, consisting of piano, violin, cello and cornet, with occasionally two more violins. The matter is in charge of Mrs. Bennett. Such helps to Sunday school work are greatly needed, but they involve some, though not much, expense. As we have no endowment fund, occasional donations are greatly appreciated.

JAPANESE CLASS.

A class has recently been organized in our school for Japanese young men, with Mrs. Geo. MacFadden as teacher. It consists of Messrs. S. Tomimoto, from Osaka; Y. Inonye, Tokio; K. Sato, Tokio; S. Miwa, Nagoya; and A. Hayishi, from Yokohama. These are all here studying along different lines. One, who was recently baptized in our church, probably for the ministry; another is to be a merchant; another a tailor; and one is studying dentistry, although he has practiced with his father for several years in Japan. All are fine, promising young men. They live at the Japanese Mission Home, 2938 Prairie avenue, which is kept by Rev. Komataro Katataye, a Baptist minister. Here he, with his family, make a pleasant Christian home for Japanese young men who come to our city. Sunday afternoons he holds service here for their benefit. A young lady, a sister of the minister's wife, attends our school and is in Miss Elizabeth Pickett's class. Her name is Bun Kanno and she reads and understands English, having attended a mission school in Japan. She attends high school, studying English, French and music. She attracts much attention by her native costume. She brings to Sunday school her sister's little girl, who is in the primary department. She, too speaks English and is very bright and interesting. But the dearest, cutest of all is the little six months' old baby in the home, clad in its bright, figured, warmly padded, oriental gown. It is indeed a bit of picturesque Japan, springing up in our midst. It should be a great pleasure and privilege to know these Christian people and to join them in their efforts for the salvation of their young men who come to us from the Sunrise kingdom.

On March 3 the Sunday school presented to Dr. de Blois a small silk American flag for him to carry with him on his trip to China. The presentation speech was made by former Superintendent Ahrens in a few patriotic remarks in which he commissioned our pastor to carry to China greetings of Christian brotherhood and interest from America. Someone remarked the world-wide brotherhood of Christianity, evidenced very pointedly by the above episode, when our superintendent (born in England) requested the speaker (born in Germany) to present an American flag to our pastor (born in Canada) to take to China. Dr. de Blois wishes to hear from each one of the Sunday school scholars, teachers and officers while he is away. He cordially invites

them to write to him, addressed as follows:

Rev. Austen K. de Blois,
In care of Thomas Cook & Son,
Yokohama,
Japan.

Postage is five cents (.05) for each half
($\frac{1}{2}$) ounce. Postal cards two cents (.02c)
each.

Let each member of the school remind the pastor, at least once during the next four months, that he is not forgotten, and in connection with this thought remember the suggestion, made last summer, when you go away to send a picture postal of the place you are visiting addressed to the secretary. We would like to know that you do not forget the First Baptist church and Sunday school when you are away.

Report of the Cradle Roll department from
May 6 to December 7, 1906. Miss Mary A.
Green in charge.

Additions to main dept. Cradle Roll.....38
Discontinuances acct. age limit (3 yrs.).... 3

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35

Additions to non-resident branch 8

Total43

List of Additions.

Hamilton Munger Clarke, son of Mr. and
Mrs. C. M. Clarke, 43 Douglas Place.

Howard Thomas Eaves, son of Mr. and Mrs.
J. T. Eaves, 3223 Cottage Grove avenue.

Catherine Anna Stein, daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. Otto J. Stein, 3225 Cottage Grove ave.

Arthur Schaer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas.
Schaer, 2713 Inglehart Place.

Roy Samuel Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs.
Joseph Hall, 3157 Forest avenue.

Ralph Clayton Fogg, son of Mr. and Mrs.
G. H. Fogg, 2901 Fifth avenue.

Lucile Mary Davis, daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. J. A. Davis, 3407 Vernon avenue.

Amy Louise Austermell, daughter of Mr.
Lewis T. Austermell, La Grange, Ill.

Non-Resident Branch.

Olof T. Barton, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. T.
Barton, Pleasant Hill, Ill.

George Austin Craig, son of Mr. and Mrs.
Wm. T. Craig, Jasksonville, Ill.

Dorothea Alice Cheney, and Margaret Louise
Cheney, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. M.
Cheney, Lyons, Col.

Helen Rittenhouse, daughter of Dr. and Mrs.
Walter Rittenhouse, Namkham, Burma.

Mr. Kennan has had a large "Roll of Hon-
or" placed on the wall of the primary depart-
ment on which to show the names and records
of the faithful scholars.

The Teachers' Training Class, conducted by
Mrs. Ware Sundays, after the preaching ser-
vice, is at present studying Jewish institutions
as a basis for the better understanding of the
Bible and as an expression of the people and
the times and their relation to God. After
this series the class will take up psychology

for better understanding the Child and later
the subject of class management.

Not only the teachers but anyone interested
in these subjects will be cordially welcome to
join the class.

Librarian Clarke reports that a new card
system has been installed and he hopes soon
to have a number of new books. Invitation is
extended to any member of the S. S. to make
use of the privileges of the library. The re-
cently elected Assistant Librarian, Mr. Robert
Blakeslee, has charge of the record department
and is doing the work most efficiently. Appli-
cation blanks for library privileges may be ob-
tained at the desk at any session.

The committee to whom was entrusted the
arrangements for the quarterly entertainments
for the Sunday school are at work and the first
of these will occur soon. To get the scholars
and teachers better acquainted with each other
it is suggested that social gatherings, outings,
etc., be planned by the classes. One such class
social is reported by one of its members as
follows:

The members of the Guild Bible class were
delightfully entertained at the home of Miss
Laura Hale, 3030 Calumet avenue, Thursday
evening, February 28. There were about fif-
teen present, all of whom were girls, except
Mr. Waldron, who has recently joined the
Normal class. We admired his bravery in
facing such a number of the feminine persua-
sion, but our hostess was assured at the even-
ing's end that his pleasure had more than re-
paid him for his effort.

A most interesting program had been pre-
pared, which everybody enjoyed exceedingly.
Miss Dunham and Miss Schrigley each recited
several selections. Miss Mabel Shayne gave
two or three piano numbers and Mr. Harry
Hale, who came in later in the evening, de-
lighted us with his whistling.

Besides this there were games which made
the evening absolutely informal.

Dainty refreshments were served which
ended a very happy evening for all the girls
who were present and made them wish more
had been able to join with them in the merry-
making.

LADIES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

MRS. L. H. SMITH, Dept. Editor.

The ladies of the society were glad to greet
our President, Mrs. McCullough, who was ab-
sent from us during January. Mrs. R. R. Don-
nelley has presented the claims and needs
of the Baptist hospital, hoping thereby to in-
spire a greater zeal in its work. Thirty-five of
our ladies responded to the invitation of the
President of the Aid Society to take luncheon
at the hospital, affording an opportunity to
see the recent improvements in the building
and how we may aid as regards our special
responsibility. Industrial school at Raymond
Mission has been suspended during February
owing to the prevalence of scarlet fever,
hence we miss Miss Chandler's usual inter-
esting report.

REPORT OF MEN'S LEAGUE.

On the 5th of February the League added another rung to its ladder of successful endeavors. This achievement was a very successful and highly entertaining social evening it being also a ladies' night.

The program consisted of readings by Miss Marian Chase, who recites most excellently and inimitably and who made her subjects seem very realistic in her portrayal of them. Then there was the youthful musical prodigy of 13 years of age, Miss Irene Stelofsky, who played on the piano so beautifully, playing the most difficult pieces, that she won the hearts of all there and received most hearty applause.

Mr. Rathbone, a lawyer, contributed still more pleasure to the evening by his most excellent and splendidly delivered oration on Abraham Lincoln. He was able to tell us of details and incidents of Lincoln's life more ably because of the fact that his father and mother knew Lincoln intimately and were in the box at the theatre with Lincoln at the time Lincoln was assassinated. His address was of exceeding great interest and thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Miss Sara Mallam rendered most beautifully three or four fine soprano solos responding to encores, much to the pleasure of all. Miss Mallam has a splendid voice.

Miss Stelofsky again favored us, but this time she made clear that the piano was not the only instrument she was mistress of for she drew notes of silver and gold from the strings of her violin. We bespeak for Miss Stelofsky a most brilliant musical future.

After light refreshments had been served, all went home much pleased, and thus ended a most pleasant evening.

Owing to the resignation of Mr. Walter Reibling, due to his removal to the north side on account of business, it became necessary to appoint a new assistant treasurer and the League is pleased to announce the election of Mr. Fred Wolters to succeed him, and is sure Mr. Wolters will serve ably in Mr. Reibling's "shoes."

The League also wishes to thank Mr. Reibling for his most able work as assistant treasurer.

It is with regret and sorrow that the League learns of the death of Mr. James Angus, a member of the League. Though Mr. Angus had not attended the League in the last year, he was desirous of its welfare and success. He was a most devoted husband and father and leaves a wife and daughter to mourn him. The League has extended its most heartfelt sympathy through a set of resolutions prepared by a committee composed of Dr. W. H. Gale, Mr. C. M. Clarke, and Mr. Fred S. Allen.

On the evening of Saturday, March 2, from 7:30 to 9:30 p. m., the League tendered a good-bye reception to Dr. de Blois, our much beloved pastor and teacher of the Men's League Bible class, giving all a chance to shake him by the hand and wish him Godspeed on his trip, (in the interests of church work all over

the world) to the Orient, or to be more specific to the World Conference at Yokohama and Shanghai. He is to be gone for four months and we will miss his helpful and inspiring sermons, lesson talks and good inspiring examples exceedingly, but know it will be a means of wonderful help to him and to our church as a whole. Upwards of two hundred and fifty were present and the evening took the atmosphere of an old-fashioned social, as intended. Heartly good will toward our pastor was in evidence and all enjoyed a most pleasant evening. The choir rendered three very fine selections which were much appreciated and enjoyed by everyone.

After light refreshments, a very enjoyable evening was closed somewhat earlier than usual on account of the necessity of preparing rooms for Sunday services.

Toward the close of the evening Mr. Stouffer in well worded speech, and representing the church members, presented Dr. de Blois with a purse of about \$300 to help defray cost of the trip.

Mr. Trude, our president, in a farewell speech, expressed the hearty good wishes of all for a pleasant journey and safe return of Dr. de Blois.

During his absence the Bible class will meet at 12:15 o'clock the same as usual, after Sunday morning service, and will be taught by the minister who preaches on that Sunday.

Come to the Bible class and profit thereby in your spiritual life. Not only come yourself, but bring in a friend or persuade a stranger at church service to come. All men are welcome.

FRANK W. GALE.

Dept. Editor Men's League.

Resolutions Adopted by Men's League.

Feb. 24, 1907.

In the Providence of God, our brother, James Angus, was on Monday, February 18, 1907, removed from our midst by death. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That in the death of our brother our Men's League of the First Baptist church of Chicago has lost one of its most respected members, and the community one of its best citizens.

RESOLVED, That the League extends its most heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family in this hour of trial. With the assurance that the beloved husband and father is not dead but has "entered into life eternal."

W. H. GALE.

C. M. CLARKE.

FRED S. ALLEN.

Committee.

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY.

A serious question in every city church and in the mind of every thinking Christian is how shall we reach and hold our boys and our neighbor's boys? Then there is the street boy, the boy who has to work his own way in the world and support others? How can we help and hold them?

A certain major of our acquaintance has in

a measure settled this question and put it into practical operation.

He had for years been thrown into close contact with two classes, the messenger boy, the telegraph boy, neither with any chance for improvement or advance in their situation. He knew that if that boy could learn to operate a typewriter and copy messages there was an advance in pay, learning stenography was another advance, opening up many possibilities. If he could learn to telegraph there was another opening all leading up to unusual possibilities. Given the possibility of earning more wages the heart and life of that boy was reached, new ambition created and physical, mental and moral progress was sure to follow, and with the great example of the Saviour, who went about doing good, first healing the bodies and minds of men, he saw a way to accomplish great good. Being of limited means himself, but willing to give of what he had—ideas, and desirous to work them out, he went to a member of his church and presented his plans and inspiring that member with some of his own enthusiasm.

In a few days he was called to his friend's office and found awaiting him a check for \$500 from a good woman of the same church. This was followed by three other similar contributions until he found himself with a fund of \$2,000 instructed to carry out his plans under the auspices of the church.

Suitable rooms were rented, telegraph instruments and a complete telegraphic circuit put in. Typewriters were bought and a school room and office established and capable teachers employed in each department.

Two evenings were set aside each week for this work and it began with a few boys picked up from the streets, each session being of two hours. One evening given up to individual instruction, the other to general lessons in mathematics, penmanship, lectures and social improvement. In a short time the rooms were filled, an average attendance of seventy. Their full capacity has been regularly maintained and many applicants refused until others had passed on with improved positions and increased salaries when they were sent out to make room for others demanding admittance.

Boys from 14 to 16 years were at first only admitted. Teachers are paid \$2 each for each session and money is never lacking for its support. The church sees to the financing, but it all comes from individual subscriptions.

The major tells me that he has never had the least trouble with the boys. The keenest interest is maintained, no disorder or noise ever distracts those most interesting meetings. Everyone is there for work, and at the social hour it is so easy to reach not only the minds but the hearts of these boys and influence them for good.

One evening as the major was entering the rooms a young man of 27 years asked the privilege of telling his story. It was as follows:

"I was brought up with no preparation for life, given to understand I would never have to work and not one useful practical thing was ever taught me. I was kept and encour-

aged in idleness until my father's sudden death when I soon learned that we were penniless and that I must go to work, support not only myself, but a dependent mother and sister. I knew nothing, no business, no trade, nothing and the utmost I have ever been able to do is manual labor and my utmost earnings in handling freight is \$28 per month.

"If I could operate a typewriter I am offered \$40 and if a stenographer still further advance and I want to learn."

"There are plenty of schools open to you, why don't you go into a night school?" replied the major.

"I would gladly do so but I can't pay the tuition. It takes every dollar I can earn for food. I can't even earn enough to buy me an overcoat which you see I need so much. Now I want to come in with your boys. Won't you give me a chance?"

It was against the rule but the appeal was so strong that in this one case the rule was set aside and the man became a student among the boys. In a very short time he secured an advance to \$40; again and again advance and preferment until the family was comfortable and all regular attendants at church.

Here is our example of what is being done in another city. Others are doing even more and an organization working through the churches and schools in New York City is said to have enrolled 60,000 boys earnestly engaged in physical and mental culture, upon the theory that if you give the boy and girl sound, strong physical organism there will be a sound mind in that sound body, and the sound, healthy mind is the one always most susceptible to good and religious influences.

When will this First church see the light and the way and enter upon such work as will return not an hundred but the thousand fold?

WILLIAM E. SMITH.

YOUNG LADIES MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

EDITH G. GALE, Dept. Editor.

The society has only held one meeting since the last issue of CHURCH LIFE, so there is very little to report upon. This meeting was held at the home of the Misses Googin, 3247 South Park avenue, on the afternoon of Thursday, February 21. There was an attendance of about ten or twelve girls. Miss Leila Ahrens expected to teach the lesson from the book "The Christian Conquest of India," but was unable to be with us. Miss Florence Raymond and Miss Medora Googins read from the book to the society and the work was discussed to some extent. It was decided at this meeting that if all the girls paid up their dues that the society would have enough money with what it has in the treasury now to make our fifty dollars for home and foreign missions for the year. If this is done we will not have to give a sale this year to raise the amount. The money has to be in before March 31.

At a former meeting of the society it was decided that our constitution should be rewritten.



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On the recommendation of the deacons the church unanimously voted that Assistant Pastor Kennan be appointed Associate Pastor, in full charge of the work of the church during the coming four months of the pastor's absence, March 1 to July 1, 1907.

On the recommendation of the deacons, the church elected the following named ladies as Pastor's Aids: Mrs. S. B. Lingle, Mrs. Wigney, Mrs. Googins, Mrs. Perkins, Mrs. Clifford Williams, Mrs. C. H. Marshall, and Mrs. F. E. Hinckley.

Pews or sittings in the church may be obtained from the pew committee, Messrs. M. J. Piercey, J. Gorton Marsh, Webster Tomlinson, or Clifford Williams at the close of any church service. Diagrams will be found near the door.

It is a pleasure to be able to present to our readers this month, a cut of Attorney James Edgar Brown, with a brief sketch of his life and also an article from his pen with reference to his trip through Switzerland last year. Mr. Brown has been quite active in our Men's League in times past and it is good to see him back in the old church again, after his absence in Europe.

There are many subscriptions to the Church Life that are due at this time of the year and the payment of these will contribute to the

financial peace of the management. It is the plan of the Editor to give a receipt to every subscriber to the Church Life for payments made, and if such payments are not thus acknowledged within a reasonable time subscribers will confer a favor by notifying the Editor of the fact. Money sometimes gets lost in the mails or otherwise and a little prompt attention at the time will obviate differences of opinion at a later date. Kindly notice also the date to which you are credited on the receipt and have it corrected if wrong.

PERSONALS.

Miss Helen R. Webster and Mr. William Webster have had a delightful trip with their parents to Temple, Tex., where Miss Webster will remain for some weeks.

Mrs. J. F. Gillette, one of our faithful teachers, is recovering from a slight illness.

We were glad to see Mrs. A. E. Thomas out to church service as we want her with us again in the primary department work. Mrs. Lumley, too, we are expecting back soon.

It is with sincere sympathy we record the severe illness of Mrs. Edith Ahrens Kenyon, formerly a teacher in the primary department. Our best wishes are for her speedy restoration to health and strength.

Miss Elizabeth H. Lingle, recently appointed Sunday school correspondent for CHURCH LIFE, has been enjoying a visit to Mt. Carroll Ill.

Mr. W. C. Reibling, who was a member of our orchestra, has gone as a chemist in employ of the United States government to Manila, Philippine Islands.

Miss Blanche Pickett is to visit with her sister, Mrs. Richard R. Chamberlin, in Buffalo.

Secretary and Mrs. H. H. Solt have had a young lady visiting them since February 4, whose name, as soon as she tells what it is, we hope to add to the cradle roll.

The late reports are that Mrs. Kenyon is steadily improving.

Miss E. Lingle, primary department, is away on a little visit. Miss F. Kellogg has had her class.

Miss Helen Dodson has given up her class in the primary department.

Miss Florence Gale has taken Miss Kilbourne's class in the primary department.

Many hearts have gone out in affectionate sympathy during the past months to our sister Mrs. E. L. Russell in the long illness and death of her husband. The funeral was conducted by our pastor on February 27, Mrs. Russell taking the remains east for burial.

Mrs. J. W. Bilton passed through quite a serious operation at Streator hospital on Saturday, February 23. At last reports she was doing nicely.

A little daughter came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ora Sherwood on Sunday, February 17.

Mrs. Healy has been quite ill with grippe but is convalescing.

Mrs. Lindgren, a Baptist from Virginia, has been ill at her home at 411 46th street, but is on the road to complete recovery we hope.

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

ROBERT C. LELAND, Dept. Editor.

We have entered upon a new era in the history of Christian Endeavor in our church. The union of the two societies, one meeting Friday evening and the other on Sunday evening, has just been accomplished. The new organization holds its meeting Sunday evening at 6:45, to which all young people are most cordially invited.

The Change to Sunday Evening.

The question of changing the time of the Senior society meeting from Friday to Sunday evening has long been much discussed by those interested in the welfare of the work. But, while Sunday has gradually come to be the regular C. E. evening throughout the land, it was thought that the young people by sacrificing a special night in the week, should build up a stronger and better society than by meeting Sunday night. So, it was judiciously concluded that as long as conditions warranted, there ought to be a meeting of the young people during the week.

However conditions have so changed that it has become more and more difficult to maintain a regular attendance of more than twenty-five at the Friday meeting. Moreover the society was not holding that class necessary for its future existence—the younger members. With the recent change of the Intermediate society (meeting Sunday evening) into a Senior society, the outgrowth of a union between the two was inevitable.

Union Social.

Friday evening, February 22, a union social and business meeting of the two old societies was held, at which the new constitution submitted by the reorganization committee was adopted, and the following officers and chairmen of committees elected to serve until July first:

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| President | Cassius J. Williamson |
| Vice-President | Ernest Hartung |
| Recording Secretary | Miss Helen Heath |
| Cor. Secretary | Miss Elizabeth Pickett |
| Treasurer | Miss Florence Raymond |
| Prayermeeting | Mr. S. T. Foster |
| Lookout | Miss Florence Huskey |
| Social | Miss Lillian Linihan |
| Missionary | Robert C. Leland |
| Music | Miss Helen Todd |
| Finance | Miss Hattie Todd |
| S. S. and Visiting | Miss Margaret Van Fleet |

After adjournment, a social hour was held and refreshments served.

Results.

We are glad to note immediate results in the increase of attendance and enthusiasm at our meetings. Forty-four at the first meeting February 24. Forty have now signed the constitution!

We want an enrollment of 100. Our aim is an attendance of seventy-five; and then, we'll make that 100! How many new members will you bring this month?

We want members willing to "do" something. How much time and thought are you willing to give to work of the society this month?

These questions we as members must face if we are vitally interested in the growth and development of our society.

The increased efficiency of one organization over the two is already apparent. Formerly, several were members of both societies, to quote one, they were not "doing" much in either place. It is planned that the change shall result in better support by the Endeavorers of the Wednesday prayer meeting and the Sunday evening church service. Also Friday evening is reserved as young people's evening; something will be doing every week there for young people—socials; entertainments, regular study classes, and a monthly business meeting.

Missionary.

The Mission study class has completed the course on India; all members express themselves as having been greatly blessed with the results of their study. The work has been exceedingly interesting.

On March 24 will occur the next missionary meeting. It will be a summary of the work of the class, on India, by the various members. On February 24, the subject was "The Immigration Problem." Mrs. Donnelley, speaking on the work at Ellis Island, and the problem at large, spurred us all to know and do our own duty in respect to this threatening danger.

Dr. Dixon.

The next few Friday evenings have been given over to Dr. Dixon's conferences with young people on personal work. Let us not miss one of these rare opportunities for instruction in this most practical and helpful form of Christian service, that we may royally support Dr. Dixon in his evangelistic meetings.

South Division Rally.

Thursday evening, February 28, at the Sixth Presbyterian church, Dr. Merrill gave to Endeavorers of our division an illustrated lecture on Miracles of Healing. Starting with the miracles performed by Christ upon earth, he showed how today medical missions are performing real miracles of healing even as Christ did. He also showed views illustrating the evangelistic work of the Chicago Union at the Cook county hospital.

WOMAN'S MISSION CIRCLE.

MRS. S. B. LINGLE.

The annual meeting of the Circle was held on February 8 with an attendance of fifty-three.

Some of our most faithful members have been shut in through illness and these were especially remembered. The annual reports showed the average attendance during the year to be fifty-six.

The apportionment of five hundred and fifty dollars for home missions has been raised and an earnest effort is being made to secure an equal amount for foreign missions. There are ninety-five contributors to the Woman's Home Mission Society through the Circle, and eighty-eight to the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of the West.

One of the most interesting reports of the afternoon was that of the Chinese mission given by Miss Ellen Pickett. This mission was established twenty-eight years ago. She described the good accomplished by house to house visiting and through the Sunday school. Money is needed, especially for rent.

Mrs. Donnelley gave a vivid picture of Ellis Island and of the landing of immigrants from one of our great ocean steamers. The fine new buildings were described. She brought us into sympathy with these strangers amid the sad scenes of the detention hospital and showed that the government offered kindly help to these aliens, often caring for them days or weeks, while seeking to locate their friends in distant parts of the country. Mrs. W. E. Smith contributed something to our study of Africa by an interesting talk on the women of the Dark Continent, showing how degraded their condition, and yet many bright examples have proved the possibility of their elevation, and through them, of the betterment of their whole people.

A poem read by Mrs. de Blois completed the program.

The report of the nominating committee resulted in the election of Mrs. J. L. Gillette, President; Mrs. H. F. Googins, Vice-President; Mrs. W. S. Pickett, 2nd Vice-President; Mrs. S. B. Lingle, Secretary; Mrs. Wm. Raymond, Treasurer.

The heads of committees are:

Mrs. C. H. Marshall, Music committee.

Mrs. L. H. Smith, Reception committee.

Mrs. H. H. Chandler, Social com.

Mrs. H. F. Googins, Solicitor.

Mrs. Clifford Williams, Mission Box.

Mrs. T. L. Ketman, Baby band.

Miss E. Goodman, Tidings.

Mrs. L. H. Smith, Helping hand.

At the close of the program a pleasant social was enjoyed.

WOMAN'S MISSION CIRCLE.

MRS. S. B. LINGLE.

The Woman's Circle held its regular meeting on March eighth. The places of our president and treasurer were vacant, both having been ill for some weeks. They were greatly missed

from these places which they have filled so long and so faithfully.

Mrs. Googins presided and after responsive reading and prayer, the chairman of the ways and means committee reported that the prompt action of one of their number in raising the deficiency in our apportionment to the two women's societies, would make giving of a concert for this purpose unnecessary. A vote of thanks was given to Mrs. McLaury for her efforts in this direction.

The program of the afternoon was upon our Baptist missions in the Congo Free States.

Mrs. Googins gave an interesting map exercise especially locating the mission stations and workers. Mrs. McCullough followed with an account of Henry M. Stanley's two journeys through this region, the first undertaken to find Dr. Livingston, the second to continue the work of the great missionary explorer.

Mrs. Gregory gave a very complete account of the Pentecost on the Congo, and the work of Mr. Richards who went to the Congo in 1879, and labored amid many discouragements for years before the reward came. A paper written by Mrs. Joseph Clark, one of the pioneer laborers in Ikota, told of the need of work among the girls and the benefits of the Industrial schools.

The wonderful story of Paul, one of the converts in Mr. Richards' field was given by Mrs. Lucker, and a very interesting meeting was closed by prayer led by Mrs. MacFadden. Fifty-two were present.

JAMES EDGAR BROWN.



James Edgar Brown is an attorney, forty-two years old, residing at the Del Prado hotel. He was born in West Virginia, is a graduate of the University of that state, and of the University law school, and is a brother of Prof. S. B. Brown, the state geologist.

He has practiced law in Chicago fifteen years. He spent the past year in Europe and made a study of Municipal affairs, the police systems and administration of justice in general, in Italy, France, Switzerland, Belgium and Germany. Mr. Brown is a member of the Hamilton Club, Colonial Club, Illinois Athletic Club, K. of P., I. O. O. F., Sons of the American Revolution, First Baptist church, County and State Bar Associations, and was

recently elected Regent of Garden City Council Royal Arcanum, a fraternal insurance order of more than 21,000 members in Illinois. He was married last June in the city of Rome, Italy, to Miss Adelaide Coolbaugh, a daughter of Wm. F. Coolbaugh, deceased, who was President of the Union National bank. She is also a half sister to Chief Justice Melville W. Fuller of the United States supreme court.

Mrs. Brown has resided in Europe for more than ten years at different times and is an accomplished linguist. She speaks French, German, Italian and Russian fluently, and was of great assistance to her husband in collecting data during his European trip.

RAYMOND CHAPEL NOTES.

There will be no Tuesday evening service at the chapel on March 19 and 26. It has been decided to devote these two evenings and other evenings in the two weeks commencing March 17 in uniting with the First church, hearing Rev. A. C. Dixon, D. D., the great evangelist, in his series of meetings. It is desired that all the members of Raymond chapel and others attend these meetings.

The birthday party February 11, given on account of Mrs. Wienman by the ladies of the chapel, was a good success. The ladies met at Mrs. McIntyre's home and from there went in a body to Mrs. Wienman's residence, at 3028 Poplar avenue. We are reliably assured that the occasion was a complete surprise to Mrs. Wienman.

The Sunday school gave an entertainment Thursday evening, March 7, for the children and their parents. Refreshments were served by the ladies assisted by Brother Raymond. The attendance was large and there were some good recitations by the scholars of the Sunday school. The church room was beautifully and artistically decorated for the occasion. The teachers and scholars deserve great praise for the work done by them.

The First church (Amoret Henson Guild) have again come to our aid by beautifying our chapel with a new floor and wall decoration. We should show our sincere appreciation of the kindness extended to us by working harder then ever for increase of membership and closer relationship with our First church brothers and sisters.

We desire to express our sincere thanks to Brother Archie McIntyre for his work in making the gas connection with the stove in the kitchen of the chapel, which Mrs. Wodie so kindly furnished.

We are glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Rosa with us again.

F. H. HACKENDAHL.

Our new superintendent, Dr. Kelly, and Mrs. Kelly are doing excellent work in the Sunday school and they should receive our sincere support.

IN THE SWISS ALPS.

By JAMES EDGAR BROWN.

I arrived at Interlaken from Lucerne late in the evening of a cloudy day and was assigned to a room in my hotel which was said to command a fine view of the Jungfrau, the Eiger and the Monch when the sky was clear. Fortunately the next day was bright and clear and early in the morning I looked out of my window southeast, down the gorge between two smaller mountains, but instead of seeing snow-covered peaks in the distance as I had anticipated, I saw the whole valley and pass between the nearer mountains filled, and the eastern and southern sky as well, with a huge white mountain of snow and ice that appeared to be only a mile or so distant, but which was in reality more than twenty-five miles away.

None except one who has ascended high mountains can appreciate their utter solitude, silence and loneliness. Imagine a day in July or August—you are well up toward the top of the Jungfrau, the Matterhorn or Mont Blanc say ten to twelve thousand feet. There is snow and ice all around above and below you. There is not a sound, you see nothing green, no bird warbles, the silence of the grave prevails. Your feet are shod with spiked shoes and crampons, your alpenstock has a sharp spike in the end, you have crossed deep chasms of ice and rock on rope or wooden ladders, you have been hauled up precipices by your guides with ropes about your waist and under your arms—you feel that you are really on the top of the world. You look down and far away through the silence and see tiny patches of color in the valleys or on the distant mountain sides. Your guide informs you they are towns and villages. The temperature has dropped and you must beware of frozen ears, fingers and toes. High up on Mont Blanc it is said many daring climbers are attacked by mountain sickness. The great altitude and rarefied air increase the heart action, the blood beats like drums in the ears, as the air pressure becomes less and less, and sometimes gushes from the nose and ears, a drowsiness overcomes the adventurer and unless he is urged on by his guides he is likely to fall asleep and be frozen to death. The chief of the guides in these mountain regions is a government official and is vested with great authority. He has the power to license guides and revoke their licenses, to grant permits for "expeditions extraordinaires" or to forbid them, and seems to exercise authority over almost everything except the weather. Up the mountains at a certain altitude the Swiss, and also the French laws have established what is known as a "dead line," or "greenhorn line," beyond which no one may go, unless he is a regularly licensed and experienced member of one of the Alpine mountain clubs, or is accompanied by one or more licensed, experienced, cautious and cool headed guides, with ice picks, ropes, alpenstocks and other necessary paraphernalia. The Matterhorn, for instance, is a man killer, and the graveyards in the villages at its base are becoming crowded with tourists. Cre-

mation is not looked upon with favor, should the remains be recovered, and besides it causes trouble and expense and injures the reputation of the nearest town as a summer resort.

Most of the hotels collect their bills before the tourists start on one of these little two or three-day promenades, as a precaution, just from force of habit. The guides and guide books have a playful way of referring to the ascent of any mountain under ten thousand feet requiring no more than one day's journey and a round trip not exceeding twenty miles as a "promenade." When an experienced mountaineer is asked if the ascent of certain mountains is dangerous he is likely to tell you "they are not dangerous for an experienced mountain climber who is well equipped, if the ice is in good condition and he is not beclouded," with emphasis on every word. It is said most of the accidents occur on the return trip, in the lower altitudes, on a grass slope or a bed of pine needles, when the climber becomes careless. A nice grassy slope of 45 to 60 degrees or a bed of pine needles makes a most effective toboggan slide, but it is not considered good form among the mountain folks to indulge in the luxury on the mountain side with a precipice one thousand feet deep at the bottom.

We have come in contact with most of the Horn family here but have studiously avoided the Matterhorn. The first representative I came in contact with this morning was the shoehorn; after breakfast I took my alpenstock surmounted with chamoishorn, went up the mountain toward the line of the greenhorn, but heard the warning sound of a fog horn and returned promptly at the blast of the dinner horn, leaving the Finsterahorn, the Rothorn, the gleaming Silberhorn and the beautiful Wetterhorn unexplored far above me.

Railway travel in Switzerland is much more comfortable than in Italy. The majority of tourists in Italy become involuntary entomologists and amateur but successful collectors of insects. About the only difference between first, second and third class coaches in Italy is that the two latter classes have fewer cushions and consequently fewer fleas and are more comfortable.

However, the omnipresent faccino of Italy does not obtain in Switzerland and the traveler is sometimes obliged to throw his baggage out of the car window should the stop be short or should his train only "hesitate" in its flight, and then he is occasionally compelled to carry it himself, for no free baggage being permitted he converts most of it into hand luggage.

JOURNAL OF THE CHURCH.

February 1, Friday—The Ladies' Benevolent Society held its regular meeting from 10 a. m. until 4 p. m. In the evening the Christian Endeavor Society held its weekly meeting. Topic: "What Christian Endeavor means to Me and to the World." Leader, Miss Clara Stowell.

February 3, Sunday—Sermon in the morning by Dr. Eubanks, missionary from China. Top-

ic: "The Awakening of China." Evening sermon by the pastor. Topic: "A Fisherman Who Wrote the Greatest of Books." Baptism in the morning.

February 5, Tuesday—Monthly social of the Men's League. Special program.

February 6, Wednesday—Church prayer meeting. Topic: "Abraham as a Type of Christ." Genesis 18:16-33.

February 8, Friday—Annual Meeting of the Women's Mission Circle. Christian Endeavor meeting. Topic: "Lessons from the Patriarchs—Noah." Leader, Miss Van Fleet.

February 10, Sunday—Sermons by the pastor. Topics: "One Hundred Fold," and "A Wild Youth Who Became a Saint and a Scholar." Baptisms in the evening.

February 12, Tuesday—The monthly social of the Girls' Fidelity.

February 13, Wednesday—Church prayer meeting. Dr. Jesse Brooks and Mr. Antoszewski spoke on the subject of the Chicago Tract Society.

February 15, Friday—The regular meeting of the Ladies' Benevolent Society. Christian Endeavor meeting. Topic: "An Easy Live Seems a Hard One." Leader, Walter Leland.

February 17, Sunday—Sermons by the pastor. Topics: "The Evening Light," and "A Lonely Recluse Who Called Vast Armies to Battle." Baptisms in the morning.

February 19, Tuesday—Sunday school teachers' social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Atwood.

February 20, Wednesday—Church prayer meeting. Topic: "What the Spirit Saith unto the Churches." Revelation 1 and 2.

February 21, Thursday—The Young Ladies' Missionary Society met at the home of the Misses Dodson. Lorimer Class social.

February 22, Friday—Social of the Christian Endeavorers in recognition of the Union of the two societies.

February 24, Sunday—Sermon in the morning by Dr. W. W. Everts of Boston. Topic: "Repentance." Evening sermon by Pastor de Blois. Topic: "A Peasant Lad Who Shook the Thrones of Europe."

February 25, Monday—Social and supper of the Amoret Henson Guild.

February 27, Wednesday—Covenant meeting. Topic: "The Blessing." II. Kings 5.

February 28, Thursday—Farewell dinner to Pastor de Blois before his trip to the Orient, given by the deacons and trustees.

LOST—ADDRESSES.

Anyone knowing the correct addresses of the following named persons will confer a favor on the church by giving them to Mr.

Kennan or Mr. F. S. Allen.

Adams, Miss Jessie E.

Allen, Mrs. Geo. M.

Alm, Miss Elsie.

Beck, Mrs. N. P.

Beery, Cathryn A.

Barnes, Mrs. J. P.

Bronson, Miss Rena.

Crane, Mrs. J. B.

Cole, Miss Grace.

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CHICAGO BAPTIST NEWS

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AMONG THE CHURCHES.

Calvary—Rev. D. T. Magill, for more than ten years pastor of the Pine Street Church, Milford, Mass., has resigned to accept the call given him by the Calvary church, Chicago, the resignation to take effect March 1. Mr. Magill is a native of Michigan, and was graduated from Kalamazoo College and from Newton Theological Institution in 1897, taking his present pastorate after his graduation. He has been an active and popular worker in Milford and his coming to Chicago will secure for him a large and splendid opportunity. For some time the church has felt the desirability of securing a new location in view of the changing character of the population of the neighborhood. The Negro Episcopalians have been negotiating for the property upon which there is an incumbrance of \$7,500, and the sale has been made for \$20,000. The building was constructed from stones taken from the demolished buildings of the old Chicago University. Propositions have been received for a union with the Washington Park church, but plans are yet unsettled.

Windsor Park—Rev. Hugh T. Musselman, pastor of the Windsor Park church has been called to take charge of the Sunday school work of Missouri, under the Publication Society and has accepted the invitation. He will enter upon the work as Dr. H. E. Tralle's successor March 1.

Parkside—Rev. J. W. Neyman, of the Parkside church, has received a unanimous call to Marion, Iowa, and also a call to the Tabernacle church, Terre Haute, Ind.

Logan Square Norwegian Church.—Twelve persons have united with this church since January 1—five by baptism, three from the Disciples, one by letter, three restorations. The church was in the midst of successful daily evangelistic services, conducted by the pastor, when it became expedient to close all churches and schools in Logan Square community on account of scarlet fever epidemic.

Bethany Church—The meetings conducted by Evangelist H. S. Morrill, of Aurora, closed Feb. 3. Sixty-two persons received the hand of fellowship at the morning service, and many more are to receive it. Seventy-five people have been baptized, and others will follow. During the four weeks of meeting 103 persons were received.

Trinity.—The pastor, Rev. L. T. Foreman, has completed five years of service, during which time he made 4,153 pastoral calls and received 122 new members into the church. Our watch meeting at the opening of the year

was the largest ever held by the church. Feb. 3 was observed as a day of prayer. Sunday evening, February 10, Rev. G. T. Webb preached at a special young people's service. Following this Rev. W. H. Fuller, of Elgin, assisted in a week of special meetings in return for a week of meetings recently conducted in Elgin.

Pilgrim Temple.—Dr. James P. Thoms, pastor, has received twelve new members since the association; five of these by baptism. Special meetings will be held this month. The financial reports at the annual meeting were the best in many years. There was a larger increase in beneficence. The two Sunday schools recently gave \$25 for the Baptist orphanage, and from all sources over \$110 was raised.

Covenant Church.—The church tendered a reception to its new pastor, Dr. C. B. Allen, and Mrs. Allen and family on February 1. The arrangements were in charge of the ladies' aid society of the church, Mrs. James G. Elsdon presiding and representing that society in an address of welcome. Other addresses were made by Miss Mabel Smith, J. G. Elsdon, Dr. Ingersoll Dr. Frederick and Dr. Ford, Dr. Allen responding. A large number of the friends of the new pastor and family were present and included many from other churches, some coming from out of town. What added to the pleasure of the occasion was the fact that the evening was made a sort of "house warming," the last finishing touches to the extensive improvements to the church building having been completed on that very day. The changes made, involving an expenditure of about \$9,000, have wrought wonders in the appearance of the building, both within and without, and give the people a most beautiful and commodious house of worship. Under the inspiring leadership of Dr. Allen the church is planning large things and is already taking on new life. More than a score in the Sunday school have recently expressed a desire to become Christians, five of whom have since been baptized.

Irving Park.—The church is greatly encouraged by recent accessions. On February 10 eight persons were received by letter and one by baptism.

Humboldt Park.—Pastor MacLeod baptized eleven persons January 27. Four others have been received by letter and confession of faith since that date.

LaGrange.—The new pastor, Rev. Thomas Stephenson, is entering successfully upon his work. Congregations are good. Eighteen new members have recently been received by baptism, letter and experience.

First Church.—The seventy-third annual meeting was held the second week in January. The reports showed all departments to be in a progressive and prosperous condition. There are more than twenty organizations connected with the home church and Raymond chapel.

Dr. de Blois has been vigorously aided by four assistants, Rev. R. R. Kennan, Rev. W. M. Embree, Miss Van Fleet and Miss Young. The five adult Bible classes of the Sunday school have been brought to a high degree of efficiency and real power, under the general supervision of Deacon Whitman. The young men's work has been wonderfully successful, led by Rev. Roy Merrifield and Deacon Pienkowsky. A teacher training class has been established. The men's league has had the best year in its history. A "Junior Congregation" has been started. The benevolent society and mission circle have abounded in helpful ministries. The treasurer's report showed just \$1,000 increase in the weekly offerings over the previous year, and \$1,500 over the year before that. A spirit of noble loyalty and zeal pervades the church.

Western Ave Church.—The outlook in all departments of the church work is encouraging. The membership is rallying around the pastor, whose sermons from week to week have grown in spirituality and power. We have adopted the weekly envelope system for contributions to missions and beneficence generally by which it is hoped to add largely to annual amounts previously given for these purposes. Pastor McGee has likewise endeared himself to the young people throughout the city, by whom he is frequently called upon to lecture or address upon some special topic. Two persons were baptized on Sunday, February 10, and we are looking for others to make public profession of their faith in Christ in the same way within a short time.

Englewood.—February 3 Dr. Ford began his third year as pastor of the Englewood church. At this service he gave the hand of fellowship to twelve persons. Over 300 have united with the church during the two years of his pastorate. More than \$35,000 has been raised, and this does not include the pledge of \$10,000 to wipe off the debt, one-half of which has since February 1 been paid. The church is now engaging in special evangelistic services. They are conducted in rather a unique way. The pastor preaches at each service, but the meetings are under the charge of Prof. B. P. Stout, a singing evangelist, who conducts the service of song and gives the invitation. The results are most gratifying. The attendance has been large and scores have professed conversion. Professor Stout is a singer of remarkable sweetness and power. The novelty of the method attracts, and the message of song wins. It is evident that the service will give a decidedly spiritual uplift to the church.

Roseland.—Forty-four have recently taken a stand for Christ; 22 have been baptized; 29 received into the church. Plans are being laid to clear the church of all indebtedness. A new building is soon to be erected. Bro. Barkman is a hustling pastor.

Washington Park.—Plans for the new building have been adopted by the church. The pastor has been voted six weeks to make a canvas for money to erect the building. The Di-

vinity School will supply the pulpit during the pastor's absence.

Maplewood.—Congregations are growing. The Sunday school enjoys its new rooms. A deep religious feeling pervades. The brave struggle to pay for the extra expense of building is developing the best impulses of the church. The spiritual building up of individual character, the strengthening of faith, the practical effort of saving souls is marking a new epoch in the church history.

Belden Avenue.—The month of February has been a fruitful one. Members have been received at almost every service and baptisms are frequent. Large audiences are attending the church services and many are inquiring the way of life. The pastor will preach a series of Sunday night sermons on "Some Chicago Types," during March. The following are the themes:

- The Man who Puts Business First.
- The Man Who is in the Grip of Gold.
- The Man who Laughs it Off.
- The Man who will not be Advised.
- The Man who is Superstitious.

Berwyn.—The annual meetings of the church have been held during the month. The "Roll Call" held each year just before the annual business meeting brought responses from 148 of the 205 members. The business meeting was held on the evening of February 14 and was preceded by the annual dinner. Rev. R. W. Hobbs spoke on "The Ideal Church Officer." The church has enjoyed a year of exceptional blessing and prosperity.

Messiah.—Frequent baptisms have cheered us and encouraged us to greater and more enthusiastic work. The record of past associational year has been far surpassed. A fine spirit of fellowship exists in all departments of church work. Large congregations draw from the pastor his best thought and effort. Notwithstanding the removal of many efficient workers the church is in onward progress.

Wheaton.—Rev. J. L. Cheney, pastor. Sixteen member have been added recently. There seems to be a deepening of the interest in the work, such as might have been anticipated after the ten years' pastorate of Rev. George R. Wood.

Austin.—The Austin Baptist church united with other churches of Austin in union meetings during the month of February. Two were baptized on February 10, sixteen on February 24. Others have been approved for baptism. In the Sunday school Decision day was observed January 17 and 47, ranging from children in the Intermediate department to gray haired men in the Bible class made a public confession of Christ.

Morgan Park.—The women are working hard, many money-making enterprises to secure a new carpet for the church. Weekly subscrip-

tions show an increase of one dollar a week above last year. A Memorial Service for Dean Hulbert addressed by Drs. Goodspeed and Price, was held on Sunday morning, March 3.

Oak Park.—The epidemic of scarlet fever closed the churches and Sunday schools for some weeks, but the work in all departments has been resumed with vigor.

PERSONAL NOTES AND LOCAL ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Rev. C. Frank Vreeland, formerly pastor of the South Chicago church, now of Mokence, was recently married to Miss Bertha Briggs, of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Prof. Burton, of the University recently conducted a series of Bible studies in Detroit under the auspices of the Detroit Baptist Ministers' Conference.

Rev. A. W. Runyan, who has been state evangelist for Wisconsin and Michigan, now enters the field as a general evangelist. He is now at work in Columbus, Ohio, and has many calls ahead for work in Ohio and Indiana. He has at present some time open in March and April, and churches desiring the services of an evangelist can reach him by addressing him at 5730 Ellis avenue, Chicago.

The university preachers for the University of Chicago for the coming weeks are as follows: Rev. Hugh Black, of Union Theological Seminary, New York; and for March 10, Professor Albion W. Small.

Rev. James A. Pierce, formerly pastor at Windsor Park, and pastor at Sterling, Ill., died at the sanitarium at Battle Creek, Mich., January 19, and was buried at Sterling Jan. 23. He left a stricken wife, three daughters, a sister and a bereaved church, and the whole town of Sterling to mourn his loss.

Because of the continued ill health of his son, Rev. W. E. Hopkins, formerly missionary of the Missionary Union, at Secunderabad, South India, has been obliged to remain in this country, and severed his connection with the union. He is living at 5723 Monroe avenue, and may be addressed there for missionary lectures or other services.

Good reports come of the success of the work at South Bend, Indiana, under the leadership of Pastor W. K. Bryce, formerly of the Fourth church.

Prof Samuel N. Harper, of the University of Chicago, son of Dr. W. R. Harper, has been giving a series of open lectures at the university on Thursdays, January 24 and 31 and February 7, 14, 21 and 28 on the following themes: "The Story of Russian Liberalism," "Russian Political Parties: Origin, Platforms, Tactics," "The First Russian Parliament," "The Political Significance of the Russian Peasants," "The Race Problem of Russia: Poles, Finns, Jews,

etc.," and "The Present Political Situation in Russia: The Elections to the Second Douma."

"As a specimen of vigorously conducted denominational paper the Standard of January 19 was superb. There was the touch of life all through; fulness, distribution, balance; openness to conservative and progressive; broad discussion and local incident; and, all through, such wells of spiritual refreshing as to leave no one in doubt that it was a religious paper which must be helpful to large minded, warm hearted church life."—B. A. Greene.

Dr. J. Q. A. Henry formerly pastor at La Salle avenue, after more than five years of temperance and evangelistic work in Great Britain returns to this country about March 20. He brings with him Mr. J. R. Hemminger, his singer. He will open a campaign in Minneapolis, Minn., after which he will go to the Pacific Coast for several months of work.

The following words from the pen of Dr. Gunsaulus will be read with interest:

"I must mention the greatest hour, to all human appearances at least—that which I witnessed in Gipsy Smith's visit to the university. It was not a little coterie of pious professors and students at the University of Chicago which invited Gipsy Smith there. No manipulation upon the part of those who fear that religion at the university means an interrogation point at the beginning of some new book written there and minus sign at the end of it, could have opened the door of this great institution to our evangelist. They came together by the grace of God. The truth is the University of Chicago and Gipsy Smith are both often misjudged. Gipsy Smith is not eccentric; neither is the University of Chicago skeptical or unevangelical in spirit. The moment they came together the granite was beneath their feet, and Mandel Hall, which was built by a Jew, rang with the praises of Jesus."

The passing of Dr. John B. Jackson, of Chicago, is a matter of general denominational interest. As pastor of the church at Virden, Ill., for five years; as a student of Rochester Theological Seminary; as pastor for another term of five years at Albion, N. Y., as professor in Baptist Union Theological Seminary in its early days; as acting pastor of the University Place, now Memorial Church, of Chicago, at two different periods; as pastor of the Hyde Park Church for another period of five years, and as one of the leading thinkers of the denomination, he has stood prominently before the people as one of our representative men. During the later years of his life he has been able to do comparatively little ministerial and professional work, but he will be well remembered by those familiar with the history of the denomination during the last thirty or forty years.

The president's report of the University of Chicago for the year ending July, 1906, is a formidable publication of 177 pages and con-

veys an amount of information absolutely stupendous. The scope and character of the work done in this one institution reveal the secret of its greatness. The total number of students in attendance during the year was 5,079. The gifts paid in for the year amounted to more than \$344,327. The gross receipts were over \$2,796,791 and expenditures over \$2,988,136. Endowment funds invested were over \$8,598,276. The pay rolls for the educational departments for the year amounted to more than \$973,211. The report would repay careful study by financiers as well as those interested in the growth of educational institutions.

The last meeting of the "T" Club was held at the Palmer House, February 18. Drs. Greene, Jackson, Thoms, Soares, Straton, Kirtley, Parker, Denman, Boynton, Thomas, Anderson and Wyant. Rev. W. S. Chalmers, and J. L. Cheney were elected to membership. Dr. Parker gave a thought-provoking address on "Some Suggested Improvements in our Missionary Machinery."

Dr. A. R. E. Wyant lectures on "The Passion Play of Oberammergau," at Chicago Commons, Grand avenue and Morgan street, on Sunday, March 3 at 4 p. m., and also gives this illustrated lecture for the fourth time at the Central Y. M. C. A. Auditorium, on Palm Sunday, March 24, at 3:15 p. m. Some time ago the Chicago dailies anticipated his acceptance of a call to the second largest church in membership in the Pittsburg, (Pa.) Association. After visiting the field he declined to consider their pastorate, and has decided to remain in Chicago, giving a part of his time to the associated church paper work, supplying and lecturing. He may be addressed at 778 Jackson Boulevard.

CHICAGO BAPTIST HOSPITAL.

A delightful valentine reception was given by the Woman's Hospital Society to the nurses in the training school at the hospital. About thirty-five nurses were present. Mrs. R. R. Donnelly presided. Dr. James P. Thoms responded to a toast to the nurses. Mrs. C. R. Williams, president of the society, and other ladies served refreshments. On behalf of the nurses Superintendent J. Purvis expressed to the ladies and directors the thanks and appreciation of the nurses for the cordial reception.

The training school receives young women of fair education and good health, between the ages of twenty-one and thirty-five years, who desire to enter the vocation of nursing, and who are recommended by pastor and physician. There are vacancies for several nurses now. The school furnishes home, uniforms, use of text books, etc., during the two years of training. Creed is not a test; all faiths are represented.

Send applications to Chicago Baptist Hospital. Every pastor and church should be closely identified with the hospital, as it belongs to our church. The hospital society, or corporation, is composed of a pastor, trustee, deacon

and delegate of any contributing Baptist church; and this corporation has in its hands the entire management of the hospital, through the directors whom it appoints. By its constitution, therefore, the hospital is legally rooted in and controlled by our Baptist churches; and they may justly take pride in it, and be loyal to its splendid plant, representing \$75,000.

Pastors and churches may greatly aid the hospital by speaking of it often from the pulpit, by giving it a place in pulpit prayers and devotional meetings, by sending paying patients to help sustain it, by encouraging good girls to become nurses in its training school, by inspiring ladies to join the woman's aid society, and by sending donations to the hospital.

JAMES P. THOMS, Sec'y.

TRAINING SCHOOL RECEPTION.

The annual reception at the training school was observed February 12, under the auspices of the Woman's Mission Union. The delightful winter day brought out a large attendance, fully 500 persons being present, and more than 350 being served with supper. Not only were the churches of our city and suburbs well represented, but guests came from many states of the union, the register showing names from New York and Massachusetts to Oregon and Washington. Conspicuous among those present was Miss Joanna P. Moore, long loved by the older people who heard her recently at the Young Woman's Union. No program was attempted, more than musical. We are glad to report the funds for the new building are mounting well toward the \$30,000 required before commencing work, but those in charge are anxiously awaiting the remaining thousands. The large attendance at the reception, as well as the large class of the school, indicate its popularity, and all will join in the hope that another year we may greet each other in the new building.

CHICAGO BAPTIST MINISTERS' CONFERENCE.

The ministers' conference meets every Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock in Steinway Hall, 17 E. Van Buren street. While only Baptist ministers are eligible to membership, any one is privileged to attend and enjoy the discussion of the varied topics that are considered.

On January 28, Dr. C. J. Little, president of Garrett (Methodist) Biblical Institute gave a most informing address upon "The Present Controversy Between Church and State in France," showing that many of the opponents of the Catholic church there are the enemies of the Christian religion.

On February 4, the question of "How to Conduct the Sunday Evening Service," was considered. Rev. A. H. Harnly, of Austin, opened the discussion. In this he did not find himself in the predicament of the bald-headed man who was trying to sell a patent hair-restorer for he has doubtless the largest evening congregation of all our suburban churches.

He believes that the character of the people and the community and the temperament of the pastor must be taken into account. The evening service should be magnified and made the climax of all the services of the day. More careful preparation for its needs to be made. The service should also be popularized, not in any sensational way, but by having the best music, by a suggestive theme and by being well advertised. It should also be evangelistic. Other pastors spoke emphasizing the need of using even trite themes, getting the people to feel the responsibility of doing personal work and standing by the service and giving the people something worth coming for.

On February 11, Prof. John M. Coulter, head of the department of Botany in the University of Chicago, spoke on "The Doctrine of Evolution," giving a very interesting description and illuminating defense of the theory of evolution from the view-point of a botanist. Dr. F. P. Haggard, of Boston, was present and explained the debt of the missionary union, and vigorously defended it against extravagance in its expenditures.

On February 18 Dr. S. T. Ford presented a paper upon "The Cathedral Idea in Church Organization." He argued that the establishment of many small churches is an extravagant process and believed that a reaction is setting in against the organization of mission churches unable to support themselves. A number of the members participated in the discussion in large part disagreeing with the position of the paper. It was thought that too much emphasis had been put upon institutionalism; that geographical and natural conditions should determine location; we need centralized wisdom rather than forces; the crime is in abandoning fields which should be held; the trouble is that this view emphasizes the ecclesiastical method and not the evangelistic spirit.

On the morning of February 25, a memorial service for Dr. Hulbert was held.

SOME TRIBUTES TO DEAN HULBERT

Dr. Eri B. Hulbert, Dean of the University Divinity School, passed away peacefully after a month's illness at Wesley Hospital at 3:35 o'clock on Sunday morning, February 17 in his sixty-sixth year. His death was due to an extension of pneumonia, following an operation for gall-stones. His case was serious from the beginning, as perforation of the gall-bladder had already taken place. He fully realized the gravity of his condition, and having made all preparations for death, made a long, courageous, uphill struggle for life. Several times his physicians gave up all hope and said he could live but a few hours, and each time he rallied. The Daily Maroon well says editorially: "Any man of ordinary make-up would have gone before the end of the first week, but Dr. Hulbert was more than ordinary. It was alone his strength of character, his unflinching courage and confidence that kept him alive as long as he did live." Even the day before his death he was better than he had been for a week, and his physician expressed hopes of his recovery. But when the relapse came he gave over the battle and said to his family gathered about him: "This



DR. ERI B. HULBERT

is the article of death," and with their names on his lips passed away peacefully even without a bodily tremor.

It did not remain for his many friends to put flowers on his casket and speak kind words to the ear of death, to show their tribute of appreciation, but during his illness he was cheered and sustained by the many messages of love and affection and hope that came pouring in upon him, such as this upon the visiting card of one of his colleagues. "My beloved friend Hulbert,—I dropped in just to tell you that we are with you in your fight. Our love, our hopes, our prayers are with you. Affectionately, ———."

Dr. Hulbert had expressed his wish that his funeral be characterized by simplicity, and accordingly a number of the more formal features of a public funeral at Mandel Hall were eliminated. This hall was filled at 1:30 on Tuesday afternoon by students and friends who gathered to honor his memory. The Scriptures were read by Prof. Mathews, also a selection from "Pilgrim's Progress" which Dr. Hulbert had read at the burial of Pres. Harper. Prof. Franklin Johnson offered a fervent prayer, in the course of which he said:

"We would not pray for our brother, but give thanks for him. He has joined the innumerable saints. We offer prayers for ourselves and thanks for his great life. May his children and grandchildren tread the path he has followed and carry on his worthy name. May God raise up a multitude of such gracious characters."

The first address was given by Prof. Burton, in which he said:

"There are four ambitions with which man may ennoble his life; first, that of goodness, second that of learning, third that of friendship, and fourth, that of achievement. We

cannot devote ourselves exclusively to one of these aims alone. But to blend all these in one life is to make one's life an harmonious whole, for no life is quite complete which lacks any one. But it is not a life lacking any of these that we are contemplating. The man we mourn, whose victory we celebrate, had all these ambitions. He sought goodness and loved knowledge. He loved and cultivated friends and bound them to him by bonds of steel, because of two qualities which he possessed in a marked degree—frankness and generosity. He also loved life among men and the doing of those things necessary to be done. It was modesty, not lack of ability, that kept him from writing books. He chose rather to devote his time helping men than to writing.

"Such men never die. Such a life never ends. In his going we suffer a loss, but his life has been a rich gain, and our heritage cannot be taken from us."

Prof. Henderson was the second speaker and sounded a note of cheer and gratitude rather than of grief, saying:

"One cannot think of him alone, but must also think of what he did. In all his actions he was essentially God's man. He stood in all things for good and righteousness. All who take refuge in God are secure, and his spirit rejoices in his victory."

Dr. Goodspeed, who has been intimately associated with him for more than a quarter of a century writes:

"He was a manly man. There was nothing effeminate about him. One felt when with him that he was in the presence of a strong man. While he had a warm heart and a genial disposition, which won affection and made him a delightful companion, he made the inevitable impression of character, virility, power. He was a strong, manly man."

"And better than that he was a good man. He commanded the unbounded confidence of all who knew him. His churches loved and trusted and admired him and clung to him long after he had left them. His character was the creation of the gospel of Christ. He was a devout Christian, whose religion flowered not in sentiment or emotion but in character. Few men have passed through greater afflictions. He, if any man, might have said, 'All thy waves and thy billows have gone over me.' But remained unshaken and his graces of character and goodness ripened."

Last June the 25th anniversary of his connection with the Divinity School was celebrated, and it was noted that he was the sole survivor of the teaching staff of the Seminary of 25 years ago. Among his colleagues during these years, whose departure he has lamented, have been Drs. Jensen, Boise, J. A. Smith, Sage, Simpson, Northrup, G. S. Goodspeed and Pres. Harper. His last published article was a tribute to Dr. Harper on the anniversary of the President's death; and singularly enough he died just two years to a day after his friend Goodspeed in whose house for many years he had made his home. Faith cannot but dwell with pleasure, that mitigates grief, on the reunion of these friends in the world unseen and eternal. Let us take inspiration

from their lives and be faithful in our work here until God unites us in the better service of the world above.

CHICAGO BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE.

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The rally of the Baptist young people held at the Y. M. C. A. February 11 was a notable gathering. The speaker of the evening was Dr. W. J. Williamson of the Third church, St. Louis. He is pastor of the Third Baptist church in St. Louis. The earnestness with which he spoke and his lovable, genial manner won the hearts of all present. He brought us a great message full of love and tenderness. The Baptist men's chorus and Miss Ella Norton furnished the music for the service.

WEST SIDE DISTRICT B. Y. P. U.

The mid-winter conference was held at the Fourth Baptist church February 9. Supper was served at 6:30 to 200 west side young people. Miss Alberta Hammon had charge of the supper. Mr. L. E. Meachan was toastmaster and responses were given by Dr. Stratton, Rev. Mr. McGee, and Mr. Chas. R. Holden.

At the evening rally the address of the evening was delivered by Rev. C. R. Henderson, Ph. D., on "The Need of the Hour."

The choirs of the Garfield Park, Messiah, and Fourth churches under the leadership of Mr. Anderson furnished music for the occasion.

Miss Vera Edith Young rendered a beautiful solo.

SPECIAL MEETINGS.

Sunrise Missionary meeting will be held Easter morning.

You must come, every other young Baptist is coming.

This is the first meeting of its kind ever held. The committee in charge of this gathering will wake you up in time.

The committee consists of Dr. Manning, Pastor Dewey, Dr. Sara Janson, Mr. Geo. H. Norton and the president.

NOTICE THE WORK COMMITTEE SERVICES

March 10—Second.
March 24—Austin First
April 14—Oak Park.
April 28—Austin Avenue.

BOAT RIDE.

June 22. The Sun will shine and the moon also. Don't forget this.

The West Side District board meeting was held at Western avenue church February 26. A large delegation was present and as it was a reception to the former presidents there were several of them who spoke. Rev. Jas. McGee the pastor made the address of welcome after supper had been served. His theme was "Set out to Win." He was followed by John Gill, Merrill Morton, John Innes, Dr. Grove, Geo. H. Norton and Ira U. Preston. Most of these speakers had been former presidents of the Western Avenue local union. The young people of the church set a very neat and substantial table and as Mr. Norton expressed it, he spoke with fullness.

To the Local Unions:

See that your delegate brings you something helpful from these board meetings. Surely they have something very helpful this time.

Now let everybody in the local unions get everybody in the church interested in the Sunrise meeting to be held on Easter morning in the interest of missionary work. Ask your delegate for particulars and get to work.

SOUTH SIDE DISTRICT NOTES.

On Thursday, January 10 a rally was held at the Bethany Baptist church for the northern half of the district. Rev. J. A. Neyman of the Parkside Baptist church gave a stirring talk on Personal Evangelism and Evangelist Morrill of Aurora, Ill., who was holding special meetings there at the time, threw some stereopticon views on the screen and commented on them.

The following Thursday the 17th another rally was held at the Windsor Park Baptist church for the southern half of the district. This, like the preceding one was very successful. Dr. Anderson of Normal Park, Ill., delivered a splendid address, preceded by a short series of prayers.

Sunday, January 13 the Executive Board met at the Lexington Avenue church and among other things decided to postpone the publishing of a district directory until next fall.

The work committee met at the South Chicago Baptist church on Sunday January 20 and conducted the meeting there.

The work committee meetings for February and March are as follows:

- March 3—Parkside Baptist church.
- March 10—Windsor Park Baptist church.
- March 15, (Friday evening)—Branch No 2 Immanuel Baptist church.
- March 24—Hammond Baptist church.
- April 14—Central Baptist church.
- April 21—Harvey Baptist church.

Work committee meetings were held at Roseland and Bethel churches on February third and seventeenth. These meetings are a great benefit to the leader and the societies but they would be still more beneficial if more of the young people of the district would attend the meetings at the other churches and so get acquainted with their fellow workers.

NORTH DIVISION B. Y. P. U. NOTES.

Our B. Y. P. U. week has come and gone. A great deal of effort was put into the preparation for these services and we hope and pray that our young people have been considerably strengthened and quickened in their Christian living. Our meeting at the La Salle Avenue was certainly an inspiring one and our speaker of the evening, Dr. Wm. Evans gave us a great deal of solid matter for thought. Let us accept the suggestion of Mr. Evans and start an evangelistic movement in our churches which with God's blessing must result in more conversions among our young people as well as quicken the life of each Christian worker.

The mass meeting at the Y. M. C. A. was a very great success. Dr. Williamson of St. Louis lived fully up to our expectations and if our young people came expecting a message, they surely were not disappointed.

It was reported that there were about 2500 young people in attendance at the B. Y. P. U. services, throughout the city on B. Y. P. U. Day, February 10.

The next executive board meeting will be held at the Ravenswood church on Tuesday evening, March 12. We trust that our presidents will plan to be present at this meeting and expect to have some important business for settlement at that meeting.

ENGLEWOOD DISTRICT.

On Sunday afternoon, February 3 the Englewood District held an Executive Committee meeting at the Covenant Baptist. All societies reported that the work was progressing well.

On Friday evening, February 8 occurred a rally of the Englewood District at the Auburn Park Baptist. Rev. Mr. McGee gave an inspiring address on the subject, "Pre-arrangement." Miss Charlotte Thearle rendered several beautiful vocal solos. It was a meeting long to be remembered. The attendance was not as large as usual owing to the fact that the largest church in the District was holding evangelistic services and sent only a small delegation.

On Sunday, February 10 occurred the annual exchange of leaders. All of the societies report excellent meetings.

On March 12 the Englewood District will hold a missionary conference under the leadership of Mr. M. H. Steiner of Washington Park. Save the date.

Christ's meaning was to enforce, not so much a sacrifice of pride, as of luxurious and careless selfishness; to teach us to do, not those things which it is humiliating but which it is troublesome, unpleasant and disagreeable to do; that is, to perform duties of kindness, even of the most humble sort, to those who need them the most, not to shrink from the meanest offices in relieving the bodily wants and sufferings of the poor.—*Thomas Arnold*.

"Rebuild thy walls, thy bounds enlarge,

And send thy heralds forth;

Say to the south, 'Give up thy charge'!

And, 'Keep not back, O north.'—*Sel.*

THE IMPERILED WOMAN AND HER CHILDREN.

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The imperiled mother and her children is one of the most serious and difficult religious and sociological problems of every age.

In our day they are made two questions; but in the early Hebrew civilization the unity was maintained. Today our child-saving plans, for the greater part, only contemplate helping the children when the mother has been whipped out by the unequal contest to properly care for her three or more fatherless children.

Agents of some child-saving societies are instructed not to touch a child unless the living parent will wholly surrender it, agreeing "Never to seek to discover said child's home."

In striking contrast with this method, which tends to destroy the natural tie which unites mother and child, and which results in the breaking up of one home and in the enriching of another, which in the providence of God has been left or made childless, the Jews of Chicago hire the dependent widow and mother to care for her own children, thus sustaining the early training of their ancestors, when God was directly teaching them the true principles of sociology, and of religion so far as concerned the "widow and the fatherless." The Jews of Chicago, so I have been creditably informed, raise each year a fund of \$150,000.00 for their humanitarian work. Out of this fund each dependent widow, who is the mother of several children, is paid three dollars per week toward the care of each child.

Does the Old Testament furnish a better type of religion, and inculcate better principles of sociology than the New Testament?

Or do we fail to comprehend the meaning of the life and teachings of the author of the New Testament?

I have before me a letter written by a very earnest and efficient Secretary of a child-saving institution regarding an unfortunate Gentile mother who had dependent upon her unaided efforts five children under thirteen years of age.

In this letter one of three alternatives is tersely placed before this imperiled woman: 1. To give all her time and strength to domestic duties in the institution, and in addition pay \$27.33 in cash each month; or 2. "To surrender two or three of her children for adoption;" or 3. "To relieve the orphanage of the family."

These terms were not submitted regarding a bad woman, but one who was, and is disposed to honestly strive to meet all her obligations as a mother.

This letter only frankly set forth the prevailing methods of dealing with this vexed problem. The mother of two or more children must first be driven into hopeless despair as a provider for her children, before the purely home-finding societies can solve the problem. In plain English, the broken home must be wholly annihilated before the child is a proper subject for their succor.

In the case of a vicious mother this method may be, and doubtless is the best.

But how many good mothers have in the past been by despair driven into the vicious ranks? The mother of but one child is scarcely a part of the problem. If strong and resourceful, she can easily provide for its care in some institution charging two or three dollars per week for the care of each child.

Any method which fails to strengthen the hope of a good mother, and make stronger the ties which hold intact the home, at least in prospect, cannot be in harmony with the religion of the Christ, nor with wise sociology.

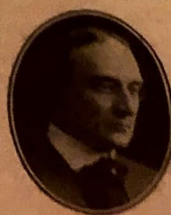
Early in our national existence, and purely for commercial reasons, we placed in peril a black woman. The fearful result is read in the faces of a mixed race, both north and south. The dependent black woman has brought upon this nation a curse, which has survived the atonement made by the bloody fratricidal war, and is today, perhaps, more threateningly dark than ever before.

For purely commercial reasons, sociologically, we are today leaving in fearful peril thousands of white mothers, hoping, it may be, that their despair may express itself in the surrender of their children to some benevolent society, rather than by the sale of themselves into sin, in order to realize sufficient income to provide for their little ones.

Is there nothing for the church to do in seeking the proper solution of this problem?

To each and all the year will bring temptation, discipline, and opportunity; it will test sincerity and strain faith. Can we look without flinching on the trials that some of its days may hurl against us? Every day, with its often unwelcome tasks, and unheeded blessings will bring us face to face with God. Shall we see him? Shall we be glad to look upon him if we see him? or shall we start back in terror or in anger at the awful Presence which in failure or in sorrow may cross our path? Be sure that into whatever experience we wander, he will be there before us; and we shall only face him with quietness and confidence if we have wrestled with him, with no less than a terrible earnestness, at the rising of the dawn. In the solemn mood which steals over every serious man at the opening of the year, God is struggling with him. Let him not decline the struggle. Let him face it humbly yet boldly; for on the issue thereof, his year, his soul depends.—John Edgar McFadyen.

Every individual will be happier the more clearly he understands that his vocation consists, not in exacting service from others, but in ministering to others, in giving his life the ransom of many. A man who does this will be worthy of his food and will not fail to have it.—Tolstoi.



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Habit in Religion.

There are those who recognize the value and necessity of habit in every other sphere, and yet who are jealous of its application or exercise in religion. They identify the habitual with the formal—the empty. They tell you that they will not fast three times in the week, nor tithe their mint and anise and cummin, for that is Phariseeism. They will go up into the temple and beat their troubled breasts in some hour of penitential agony, like the Publican. They will give their money under the touch of some glowing impulse. They shrink from a religion prompted and regulated by the sense of duty, upon the ground that thus spontaneity and freedom are lost. So, while every department of the inner self is controlled by some habit of temperament or mind, while all outward interests and activities are reduced to regularity, the duties owing to God and the soul, worship, the study of the inspired Word, public and private prayer, are committed to the uncertainties of changeable moods and the accidents of varying circumstance.

A Challenge.

I venture the assertion that before me sit men and women whose lives are large and splendidly efficient because of the perfect method of their business and their homes, and yet who have never reduced one element of their religious life to fixed habit, and I doubt not that families are here represented wherein love and freedom keep time with perfect orderliness, and yet everything concerning the religious life of that household is fitful and chaotic.

The notion that the reducing of religious exercises to routine and habitual recurrence in some way injures their spiritual value is refuted by the life of our Master Jesus Christ. Where will you find a more thorough genuineness, a sweeter devoutness, a more heavenly spirituality, and a more untrammelled freedom than in Himself?

Ideal Life Orderly.

I believe that it is impossible to conceive the ideal Christian life as an unregulated life. Perfect devotion to God reduces man's inner and outer life to a harmony as perfect as that which pervades the planetary system, wherein every orb, else wandering, is held in habitual obedience to its luminous center. Submit the soul to God, and there will come to it a rhythm like that of music, when all that is confused and irregular will give way to symmetry and unjarring harmony. No one can come near to the spiritualized orderliness of that one perfect life of the Son of God without feeling that His regular goings, His inviolable habits were parts of that system which embraces the sinless universe and the infinitudes of the Great Spirit himself. As the soul becomes habituated to its best, it touches and mingles with the divinest.

Habit a Necessity.

I go further and say that so far from the religious life being hindered by habit, it is sustained by it. The momentum of habit sustains

when feeling fails, and tides us over sad periods of indifference. *Patient continuance in the old form is rewarded by the full return of old substance.* The decline of the religious life comes not to the soul which is chilled and choked by the faithful engagements of a regulated life, but rather failure comes because habits of religion are lost.

Spiritual Decline.

The experience of decline may be outlined thus. There comes a crisis of sickness when the life is dislodged from its old engagements and activities, or through the perplexities and enlargement of business the secular life becomes over-full, or there is a period of protracted travel, or the distractions of residence in a new home. Under all these varying circumstances, the old routine was broken in upon and the old habit lost. Private prayer was left to the promptings of tender moods which did not come often, and the habit of prayer was lost. The reading of God's word was left to the irregular and rare hours of perfect leisure, and the habit of reading, the habit of study was lost. Church attendance was affected by the accidents of a deranged household, the occasional coming and going of visitors, to balanced temperatures between heat and cold, and the habit was lost. Irregularity in the Sunday school, at the missionary meeting, from one cause and another broke in upon the routine of attendance, and the habit was lost. Loss of habit, loss of interest, and then the chilled, fading, failing, unsatisfying, backslidden religious life.

Heart Searching Needed.

I am speaking with warmth and great directness this morning because I am speaking with assurance. I know that what I am saying is absolutely true. I have had my finger upon the pulse of this congregation and I know the state of my patient. This matter of habit has a most intimate and vital connection with the worth and enjoyment of religious experience. If you have lost and would recover, recover the old habit. If you possess and would advance, strengthen the present habit. Let all unpunctuality, all irregularity be banished, and let us set ourselves to regain the region lost, and to develop a robust, satisfying soul-life. Let the individuals of this congregation search their own hearts in the application of the principle illustrated. Let families review their own practices, and then let us together, as a united congregation, by patient, inviolable habits of interest and thoroughness offer to our Saviour, Jesus, a life well ordered, *steadfast, DEPENDABLE, SPLENDID IN FULFILLED DUTIES.*—*John H. Boyd, D. D., pastor First Presbyterian Church, Evanston.*

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TRI-CHURCH COUNCIL.

The National Council of the Congregational, Methodist Protestant and United Brethren churches will convene at the Union Park Congregational church, Chicago, March 19. The meeting last year was held at Dayton. These three bodies are looking towards a closer union.

The gathering in Chicago this year is looked forward to with deep interest, as it is thought some definite steps towards a closer organic union will be taken. The Council will be a delegate body. Many of the leaders of the denominations represented will be present.

The entertaining body is the Congregational Club of Chicago, whose president is Rev. William E. Barton, D. D., of Oak Park, and whose secretary is Mr. S. H. Knecht, State Bank of Chicago. The chairman of the committee of arrangements is Mr. W. W. Baird. The secretary of the committee of arrangements is W. F. Furbeck, 171 La Salle street. The chairman of the committee on entertainment to whom all correspondence concerning hospitality is to be addressed is H. W. Gates, 153 La Salle street. There will be a banquet at the Auditorium Hotel on Tuesday evening, March 19. It is desired that members get to the church for their assignment cards before the banquet.

PRESBYTERIAN CITY NEWS.

WILLIAM W. JOHNSTONE.

A severe loss has befallen the denomination and the Third church in particular by the death of Mr. Edward M. Teall. He was an elder in the Third church and a member of its board of trustees. He was President of the Board of Underwriters, President of the Board of Trustees of McCormick Theological Seminary, and President of the Chicago Relief and Aid Society.

Dr. Beattie has just closed his fourth year as pastor of the First church of Austin. In these years 280 members have been added to the roll, making the total membership 630. The

benevolences of the church have increased from \$2,280 to \$3,369, a floating debt has been paid, many improvements made, and a fine and complete pastor's study has been erected.

The church of Providence celebrated its fourteenth anniversary on February 3 by having a reunion of present and former members.

The churches of Oak Park were closed several weeks on account of the scarlet fever epidemic, but resumed all services on the 24th. Although the First church of Oak Park had to postpone its Communion the session received 40 new members just before Dr. Luccock departed for the Holy Land. His going away was preceded by a delightful reception given by the Men's Club of that church at which farewell messages were given by the various organizations of the church and by Rev. W. W. Johnstone for the Presbytery.

Rev. F. A. Hosmer was installed over Central Park church February 5 and he and Mrs. Hosmer were given a reception by the church on the evening of the 8th.

Chicago Heights has had 48 accessions since Rev. J. B. Fleming became pastor last June. A Brotherhood of 50 members has been recently organized.

Bethany church has installed a fine new pipe organ.

Rev. F. R. Rosebro is supplying the Brookline church in the absence of Dr. Hubbell, who is touring the Holy Land.

Rev. A. A. Pfanstiehl has resigned his pastorate of ten years at Highland Park and will rest for some time before taking up active duties again.

Crerar Chapel of the Second church, is pushing rapidly toward the erection of a fine new house of worship and toward organization as a church.

At its recent annual meeting Forty-first Street church secured pledges for \$30,000 to wipe out a long-standing debt, and \$15,000 for the general work of the church and its missions. It supports in connection with Bethlehem Chapel, the second largest day nursery in Chicago, caring for 500 little ones each month. The total membership of this church including the chapel, is 1,326, and steps have been taken to provide another assistant for the pastor, Rev. W. C. Covert.

Sunday the 17th was Foreign Missionary day in many of the churches and prominent missionaries spoke in several of the pulpits. A luncheon in honor of these missionary guests was given at the Palmer house on the Saturday preceding by the Foreign Missions committee of the Presbytery, and was attended by 150 men. Dr. Hunter Corbett spoke on that occasion for China, Rev. F. E. Hoskins for Syria, Rev. S. A. Moffett for Korea, Rev. S. M. Jordan for Persia, Rev. E. M. Wherry, D. D., for India, and Dr. H. L. Weber for Africa. These men were all en route to the great missionary convention in Omaha.

Ancient warriors believed that the strength of the vanquished was added to the strength of the victor. This is true of every over sin.—Sel.

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PRESBYTERIAN BROTHERHOOD.

At the Presbyterian Brotherhood Convention, held in Indianapolis last November, a committee was appointed to draft a constitution for the Brotherhood. After some delay this committee has made and formulated a constitution, which is published herewith. Mr. Von Ogden Vogt, formerly secretary of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, will act as corresponding secretary for the Brotherhood, with his office at 156 Fifth avenue, New York City. The members of the officers' council are as follows: President, Hon. Hugh H. Hanna, Indianapolis; vice-president, Charles S. Holt, Chicago; secretary, W. R. Ferrand, Detroit; treasurer, Charles S. Thompson, Minneapolis. The chairmen of standing committees who, with the above named officers, constitute the executive committee, are: "On Work of the Brotherhood," President C. W. Dabney, Cincinnati; "On Conventions," J. D. Husted, Denver; "On Finance," F. A. Wallis, New York.

With the selection of the above officers of the council and a full-fledged constitution, we feel that the Brotherhood is now fairly launched as a working organization, and anticipate great good from its future activities. May the Lord's blessing abide upon this movement, and may great things be accomplished for God and humanity.

All Chicago laymen will be interested in the Constitution. It is as follows:

ARTICLE I. The name of this organization shall be The Presbyterian Brotherhood of America. It shall be under control of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States of America as provided for in the Form of Government of said church.

ARTICLE II. The object of the organization shall be to promote, assist and federate all forms of organized Christian activity of men in the churches which have for their purpose the winning of men to Christ and the church, the promotion of spiritual development and the training in usefulness of men connected with the congregations through prayer, Bible study and Christian service, the strengthening of fellowship, and the extension of Christ's kingdom at home and abroad.

ARTICLE III. (a) Any organization of men connected with a church in America holding the Reformed Faith, may become a member of the Brotherhood by making written application for membership, accompanied by a certificate from the session of the church with which it is connected that its purposes are in harmony with Article II. The membership of any organization shall be terminated at any time by written notice thereof to the Council, or by vote of the session withdrawing its approval; or, for good cause shown, by a vote of the Council after reasonable notice and opportunity for hearing. Organizations composed of members from more than one church, or consisting of a group of other organizations, may be admitted to membership by special vote of the Council, and upon a basis to be determined by it.

(b) The basis of representation at conven-

tions of the Brotherhood shall be one delegate for each organization which is a member of the Brotherhood, irrespective of the number of its individual members; and any organization having more than one hundred active members shall be entitled to one additional active members each one hundred members, or fraction thereof (not less than twenty-five) in excess of the first one hundred.

(c) The individual members of all organizations which are members of the Brotherhood shall be entitled to wear the Brotherhood emblem.

ARTICLE IV. (a) The government of the Brotherhood shall be vested in a Council of twenty-one members, who shall be members of some organization belonging to the Brotherhood, of whom ten shall constitute a quorum. The Council chosen by the convention of 1906 shall divide its members into three classes of seven each, to hold office respectively one, two and three years, and each convention shall elect seven members for a term of three years. Vacancies occurring between conventions may be filled by the Council until the next convention. If the conventions shall be held at longer intervals than one year, the terms of office of the Council shall be correspondingly lengthened. The officers of the Council shall be president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. These officers shall be elected by ballot at the first meeting of the Council after each convention. There shall also be an executive committee consisting of the officers and chairmen of standing committees. A majority of the executive committee shall constitute a quorum. The executive committee shall have such powers and perform such duties as shall be delegated to it by the Council. The Council shall meet at the call of the president at least twice a year.

(b) It shall be the duty of the Council in every suitable way to promote the objects of the Brotherhood as stated in Article II; to aid and encourage the holding of local presbyterial and synodical conventions; to appoint fraternal delegates to bodies of similar scope and aim; and to secure by voluntary subscription the funds necessary to carry on the work of the Brotherhood.

ARTICLE V. A convention shall be held annually at a time and place designated by the Council, unless otherwise ordered by the last preceding convention. The Council shall have charge of the arrangements for such convention, the selection of speakers and topics for discussion, subject to any instructions given by the last previous convention and subject to the control of the convention itself when organized.

ARTICLE VI. This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of any convention, provided such proposed amendment shall have been submitted to the secretary of the Council in writing not less than thirty days before the meeting of the convention.

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PLEASURE AND RELIGION.

Those are greatly mistaken who think that the Christian must renounce all pleasure and that religion is a peculiarly sad and gloomy thing. It is undoubtedly a serious thing, but it is not on that account incompatible with the keenest joys. It is not merely in religion that men are sober and thoughtful. Locomotive engineers at the throttle, physicians in the operating room, school teachers at work are straight-faced most of the time. Even sportsmen when hunting, or fishing, or playing ball are often keyed to the highest tension and would regard storytelling and laughter at the critical moment a sacrilege. Even a lecturer on comedy must take himself seriously, and doubtless the best comedians are compelled to be in earnest in their fun. It is an absurd impression that religion, more than anything else which profoundly engages the interest of men, is destitute of happiness and joy. It is not true that in order to be consistently religious one must renounce all pleasure. Indeed it may better be contended that it is the religious man who finds the greatest pleasure in life. He, at least, puts meaning into work. For him no task ends upon itself, but it fits into an ideal world of values. Many men seem to work with a void in their hearts. They busy themselves with this or that because it is their trade or their means of earning money. They do not see their work in an infinite perspective as the religious man does. They do not estimate the worth of deeds by spiritual measures but by

the dead weights of the counting house or by the timekeeper's clock. To Christianity, on the contrary, the gift of a cup of cold water might carry destiny and eternity with it. In his book on *Heretics*, in which he says, "Ultimately, a man can enjoy nothing except religion," Chesterton makes Omar Khayyaman a type for those who take life piece-meal, without plans or far-reaching ideals. He compares the attitude of Jesus and Omar thus: "Jesus Christ made wine, not a medicine, but a sacrament. But Omar makes it, not a sacrament, but a medicine. He feasts because life is not joyful; he revels because he is not glad. 'Drink,' he says, for you know not whence you come nor why. Drink, for you know not when you go nor where. Drink, because the stars are cruel and the world is idle as a humming top. Drink, because there is nothing worth trusting, nothing worth fighting for. Drink, because all things are lapsed in a base equality and an evil peace." So he stands offering us the cup in his hand. And at the high altar of Christianity stands another figure, in whose hand also is the cup of the vine. 'Drink,' he says, 'for the whole world is as red as this wine, with the crimson of the love and wrath of God. Drink, for the trumpets are blowing for battle and this is the stirrup-cup. Drink, for this is my blood of the new testament that is shed for you. Drink, for I know of whence you came and why. Drink, for I know of when you go and where.'

If you would do great things you must learn to be deaf to discouragement.—*Ram's Horn*.

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It is interesting to notice how some minds seem almost to create themselves, springing up under every disadvantage, and working their solitary but irresistible way through a thousand obstacles. Nature seems to delight in disappointing the assiduities of art, with which it would rear legitimate dulness to maturity; and to glory in the vigor and luxuriance of her chance productions. She scatters the

seeds of genius to the winds, and though some may perish among the stony places of the world, and some be choked by the thorns and brambles of early adversity, yet others will now and then strike root even in the clefts of the rock, struggle bravely up into sunshine, and spread over their sterile birthplace all the beauties of vegetation.—*Washington Irving.*

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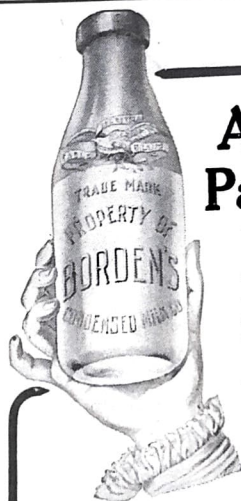
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"Take this child and nurse it for me," is the Lord's command to every mother. By the eye of faith the parents of Moses saw that he was a goodly child and they were not afraid of the king's commandment, and hid away in the ark of bulrushes they laid him. Oh, the teachings for every mother in this wondrous story of Israel's greatest prophet.

The command given by himself to all Israel had no doubt been carried out in the home of his childhood. That they were to talk to their children when they rose up in the morning and when they laid down at night; when they sat down in their houses and when they walked by the wayside. They were to talk to their children of God, and all the influence of Pharaoh's court, all the wisdom of Egypt had no influence to turn that heart from the God of his fathers.

I know a mother who has trained her children that way, educating them in their earthly life in their home. The time came when she felt it would be well to send her eldest daughter to a public school. It was a matter with her of much prayer and the Lord assured her He was able to keep that which she had committed unto Him. Susie went to the high school and in two or three days told her mother that at the noon recess she always took her Testament and went alone, for she added, "The girls are so frivolous I am afraid I might get so too if I went with them." And so the Lord had sheltered her under His protecting wing—His truth her shield and buckler, while every influence of that saved home was strong for God.

At whatever cost no Christian home should be without the family altar. Wherever Abraham journeyed there he built an altar to the Lord. Late rising in the morning, all hurry to get the children off to school, no commending them to God before the devil has had a chance of talking to them, no encircling them by the arms of faith and love and words that would follow them all the day long in most so-called Christian homes.

In the first century of the Christian faith Pliny wrote to the emperor of Rome that "the religion of Jesus is taking the world and its preachers are mostly women and children." When will the culture of the heart take its right place before that of the intellect? Sir Walter Scott, man of wondrous mind and intellect, said, "All education compared to the state of the heart is the veriest moonshine."

In the powerful addresses of Mrs. General Booth, moving all England by their intensity, how often, herself a mother of a pretty large family, she would refer to the awful mistake the parents of our land were making in the education of their children, their intellects unnaturally developed and the hearts starved and withered up, crammed with the wisdom of this world which is foolishness with God. Do not all the teachings of our Lord, Himself the fountain of all light and knowledge, aim at the heart? The highest gift that God can bestow is the gift of perfect love, without which every other is but as a sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal.

How little do the children know of the Bible. Out in the work of the Lord a few days ago I took supper in a Christian home. There was no family worship and as before leaving I proposed we should have prayer and one of the children should repeat a verse out of the Bible the mother said she did not think they knew one. What a very trifle that the boys and girls should gain their diplomas, pass every examination, take high positions in life and lose at last their souls.

How wonderfully susceptible are the hearts of the young, only needing the right training in the nurture and admonition of the Lord to bring them right to Jesus in the days of their youth.

The Bible, wonderful in its appeals to the hearts of children as well as to those of every age and clime, shut out of our public schools!

In the days of the Puritans in England a holy man of God was giving weekly lectures. His church was crowded, for the unction of the holy One rested on him. A student rode thirty miles that day to hear Mr. Rodgers. His theme was the Bible, and he began to tell them how they had neglected it, how their Bibles lay covered with dust, its teachings all unheeded, God's laws trampled upon and then the Lord saying, I will take my Bible from them, and as he described the state of the people without the word of God, the whole congregation burst out into weeping and sobbing and when the preacher stood by his horse he bowed his head and for a quarter of an hour was all melted by a sense of God's love before he mounted and rode away that day.

"In heaven their angels do always behold the face of their Father who is in heaven." Dr. Dwight, one of America's great and most honored preachers, could read the Bible at four years, and all through life his preaching was filled with the word of God.

At the home of a friend a few days ago the family had all left the room and alone with their little boy, not quite two years and a half old, the blessing of the Lord came on me. I began to clap my hands as the praises of the Lord came from my lips. He looked at me and then began to clap his little hands together and say, "Praise the Lord." Then the light and joy from the other world lit up the face of that little one with an unearthly sweetness.

The mother of Dr. Dwight, a daughter of Jonathan Edwards, from the first dawn of reason began to train her children for God. She would say parents lost so much by not early enough beginning to lead their children to the Lord.

If we desire to do what will please God, and what will help men, we presently find ourselves taken out of our narrow habits of thought and action; we find new elements of our nature called into activity; we are no longer running along a narrow track of selfish habit.—
James Freeman Clarke.

I am sure that our friends must be more and not less to us in the other world, and that this world only begins friendship.—*Phillips Brooks.*